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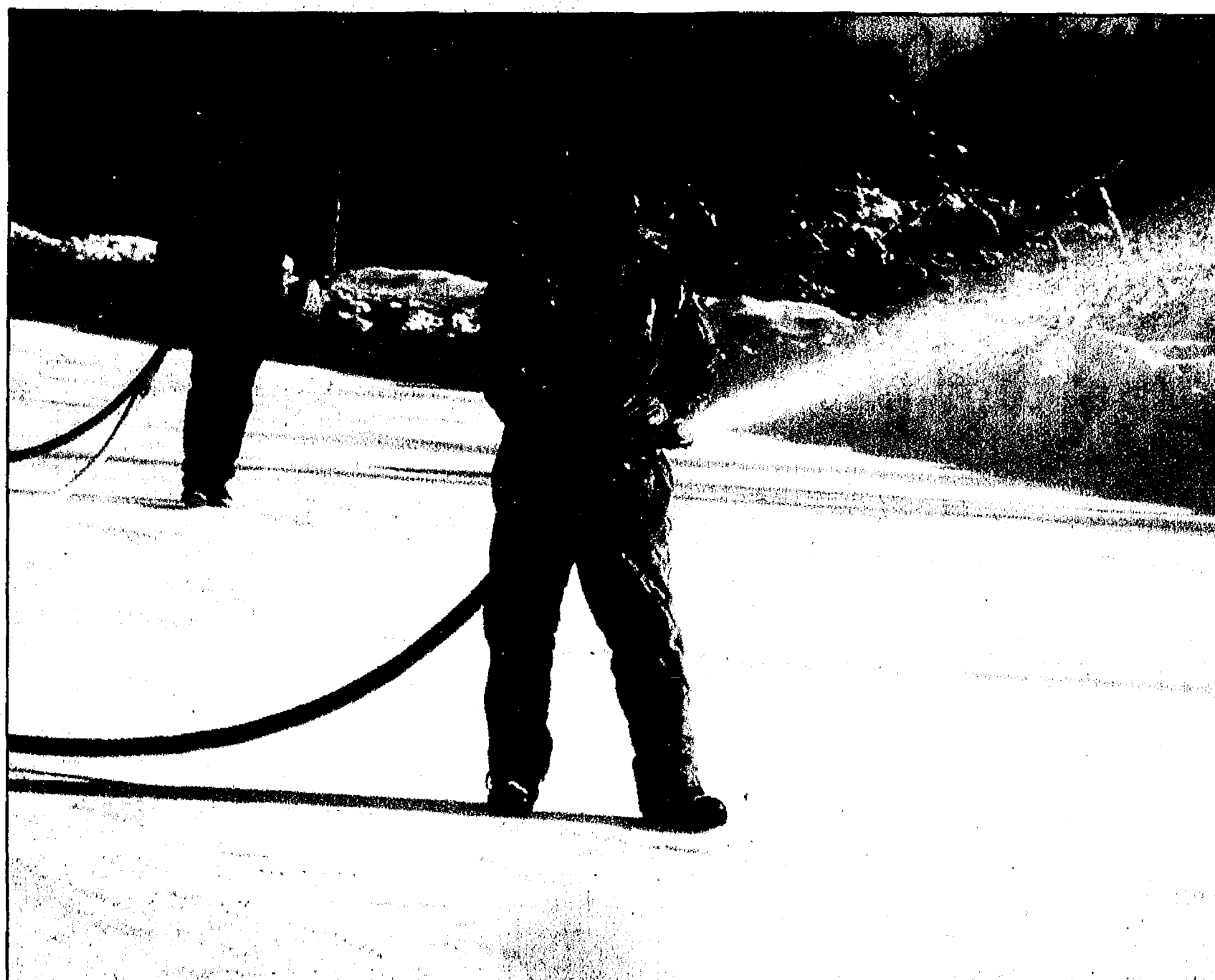
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## ICE, ICE BABY



Volunteer Rob Aubry sprays water on the City of Grayling's outdoor ice rink with a fire hose Monday in subzero temperatures as City Council Member Roger Moshier looks on. Moshier has volunteered to maintain the rink this winter in the place of Tom Wellman, a former city council member who is unable to donate his services and time due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Moshier said Wellman has skates available for youth who may want to skate on the rink and residents who have unused skates are urged to donate their equipment so it can be used.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

## Settlement allows adult store to open

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees approved the settlement of a federal lawsuit last week, which will allow an adult video and novelty store to open its doors in the community.

The agreement, which was unanimously approved by the board, will allow "Fantasies Unlimited" to operate at 6131 M-72 West, but places strict limitations on many facets of the business including hours of operation, the manner and location in which sexually oriented items are displayed, exterior signs and building screening.

Gregory Fisher Lord, a Sterling Heights attorney who represents adult business developer Brad Vannatter, said the store will be open by the end of January.

Grayling Township Attorney Monte Burmeister said the township board worked endlessly to fight pornography and believes the agreement will protect children and minimize the negative effect on the community.

The decision to enter into agreement is the result of a lawsuit filed by 6131 M-72 West Inc. in United States District Court in Bay City, seeking constitutional relief from Grayling Township's Adult Entertainment ordinance.

The township's ordinance prohibits an adult business from opening within 1,500 feet of a

residential area.

The case was first presented at a pretrial hearing last October before U.S. District Court Judge David Lawson.

Lawson's preliminary determination was that Grayling Township's Adult Entertainment Ordinance was probably invalid and if enforced, would be seen as a violation of the business's First Amendment Right to Freedom of Speech. In addition, recent developments in the Federal Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals indicated that the township's ability to successfully defend its ordinance was severely compromised, Burmeister said.

After looking at a number of settlement options including relocation of the business and buying out the business owner, township officials decided it could not be a "big pocket spender" to avoid the business from opening. At that time, board members began working closely with VanNatter, the owner of "Fantasies Unlimited, to explore settlement options.

The lawsuit will be dismissed if the agreement is approved by all parties.

Lord said he is pleased the lawsuit was settled, which avoided spending a large amount of time and money on the litigation.

"It's always better to exhaust every option for settlement before embarking on a federal

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## DDA to unveil, take input on plans

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Business and city officials will unveil their plans to spruce up Grayling's downtown business district on Monday.

A public meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Grayling City Hall to allow residents to review the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Plan.

A DDA is established through a state program to halt declining property values and to promote economic development within the district.

The Grayling DDA Board, which includes area business and city officials, have been working on plans for the downtown since last June.

"We just want to make Grayling a destination place," Charlotte Bloomquist, a DDA Board member and owner of The Bloomin' Grape Gourmet Deli & Market, "It's all for the good of Grayling."

The board has also been working in conjunction with the Grayling Uptown District Association, Grayling Promotional Association and the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership.

"The DDA needs partnerships

so we're not duplicating efforts," said Klaus Heinert, a project coordinator from the city's engineering and planning firm who has been working with local officials on the DDA plans.

Projects identified as a priority by the DDA Board include:

- A Michigan Avenue Streetscape project from the Crawford County Court House to Spruce Street.

- A storefront facade initiative for businesses within the DDA district.

- A Norway Streetscape project from M-72 to Michigan Avenue.

- Public alley and parking lot improvements.

- I-75 Business Loop enhancements from M-72 West to M-72 East.

- Redevelopment of vacant storefronts on the Shoppenagon Block downtown.

- Redevelopment of Moshier's Garage site.

- Development of the AuSable River Park.

- Conduct a Grayling area transportation study.

- Extend Michigan Avenue to connect with M-72 West.

- Develop an AuSable Riverwalk.

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## SNOWSHOEING A GO DESPITE LACK OF SNOW



Photo courtesy of Craig Kasmer

Despite a dusting of snow and single digit temperatures, the first of four free guided snowshoe trips at Hartwick Pines State Park went off as scheduled. Snowshoers saw a porcupine, deer, and learned from guides Craig Kasmer and Rob Burg how to identify animal tracks and winter trees, and also about some of the area's history. The hike, which is approximately a mile and takes about two hours, is over gentle terrain and is limited to 20 participants. The other three hikes take place January 29, February 12 and February 26. Contact Hartwick Pines for information or to make reservations.

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## Federal grant to help fund Mercy expansion

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Mercy Hospital Grayling is over three-quarters of the way toward raising funds needed to expand its emergency department.

The capital campaign aimed at raising \$2.3 million for new emergency room space has topped over \$1.8 million.

The hospital is seeking to expand its emergency services wing, giving physicians and staff 8,974 square feet of space to provide care to patients.

The current emergency room facility was built in 1978 and is 3,560 square feet. The emergency room was designed to serve 10,000 patients per year, but now serves over twice that figure annually.

A portion of the funds collected includes a \$500,000 federal grant, secured by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, D-MI.

The funds were included in the federal appropriation spending bills signed by President George W. Bush in December.

It was the second time that Stabenow had tried to secure the

funds for the hospital.

"We didn't get it the first time, but we just kept at it," Stabenow said after touring the hospital last week. "There is definitely the demand, and having Camp Grayling here helped get the support for the funding."

Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2005 with completion in mid-2007. The new Emergency Department - the first expansion to the hospital since 1978 - will more than double the space available for emergency care. The expansion will increase the department from eight to 14 treatment beds, add three new observation beds, improve patient and family areas, and significantly improve patient privacy and comfort.

Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, the CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling, said hospital officials are eager to have its physicians and staff, who have been recognized with awards for their care, operating in the upgraded facility.

"We have all the pieces in place except the building," Riemer-Matuzak said.

Stabenow was in Michigan last week visiting industry and health care officials to discuss issues.

Stabenow said she would continue to fight to permit hospitals and patients to buy prescription drugs from Canada, allowing the

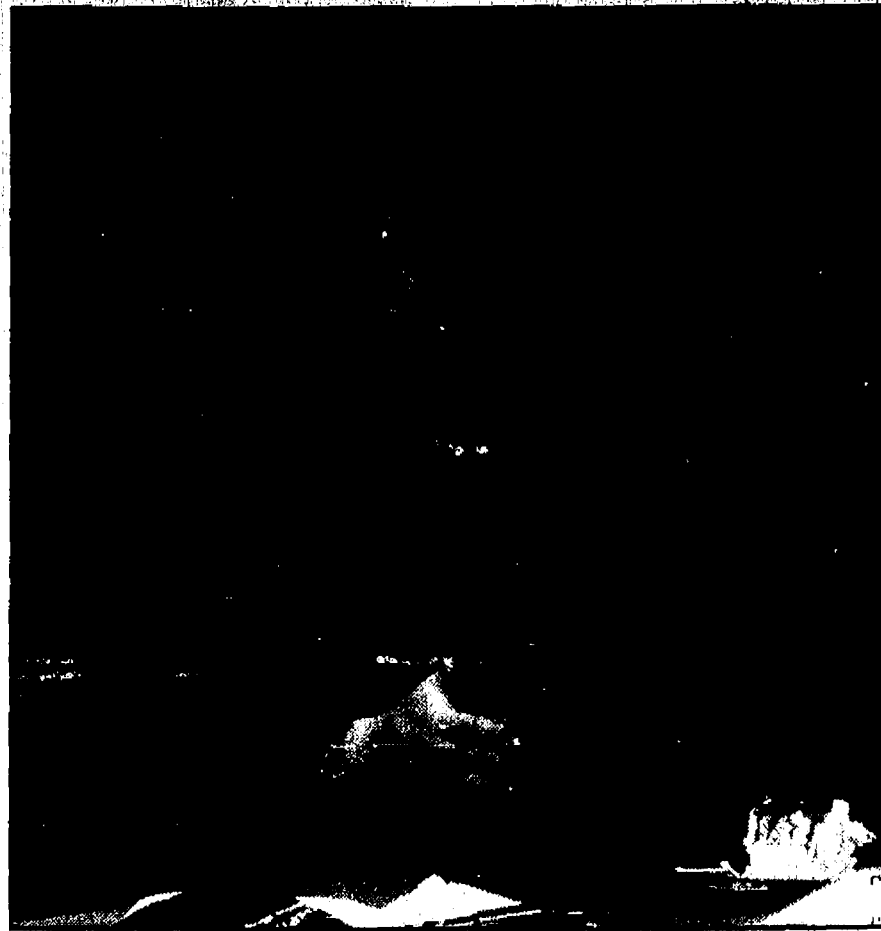


Photo by Dan Sanderson

**Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-MI, discussed health care issues with a group of Crawford County business, health care and governmental officials at Mercy Hospital Grayling after a tour of the hospital last week.**

poor and elderly people to be able to afford the drugs and subverting the higher costs of drugs in the United States due to advertising and lobbying expenses paid by pharmaceutical companies.

"We help pay for that medicine, we ought to be able to pay to get it," Stabenow said.

Stabenow also vowed to have funds earmarked to pay for technology which would allow hospitals to eliminate paperwork, staff and keep better records of patient's health care history.

"I know it's hard to set aside the money when you're dealing with day to day crises all the time," Stabenow said.

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## Dam lowering project set to begin

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The project to lower the AuSable River Dam will begin later this week after City of Grayling and state officials addressed an 11-hour liability issue.

The Grayling City Council

held a meeting last Thursday in order to tweak a liability waiver with the contractor for the project.

When the city's Millpond is lowered by one foot, a water pipe located near the dam will be exposed. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) officials have asked that the water main be relocated.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) which is funding the dam lowering project, is giving the city \$50,000 to relocate the water main or to repair the water main if it breaks during the project.

Under a new liability waiver approved by the city council last week, Pete VandenBof, the owner of Pete's Contracting, would have his insurance pay to fix the water main if his work causes damage to the pipe. If an indirect factor causes damage to the pipe while the project is under way or after work has been completed, the state will fix the pipe and pay the \$50,000 to the city.

"If the water main does break we will just have it temporarily

fixed and we will relocate the water main in the summer," said Steve Sendek, a fisheries biologist for the DNR. "It's a good deal for everyone."

Constructed of log timber during the late 1800s, the AuSable River Dam was originally used to store logs which supplied the local lumber mills. The old U.S. 27 bridge crossing on the I-75 Business Loop was built over the dam and renovated with sheet steel pilings in the mid-1930s as Grayling's main north-south thoroughfare.

The dam's steel pilings have deteriorated to the point of near failure, and hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of sediment are located behind the dam.

VandenBof will begin removing the AuSable River Dam this week, addressing safety concerns regarding the dam's stability and restoring the river to pre-logging era to improve habitat for trout.

The \$385,000 project is a joint effort which involves officials from the City of Grayling, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the DNR. A \$75,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration Act Fund was secured to fund the project, with remaining money coming for the DNR's Fish and Game Fund.

The project will lower the millpond by one foot, decrease water temperatures downstream of Grayling and reconnect fragmented sections of the river so any species of fish can travel safely down the AuSable.

"This is a good project for the community as a whole," Sendek said. "It improves river conditions, the trout river fishery, it protects downstream property owners from a potential catastrophe and the community is still going to be able to maintain their landmark."

City council members were pleased to have their concerns addressed by the new agreement. Dave Sabin said he was more comfortable with the project after reading a report created by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the DNR regarding project issues.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said the \$50,000 from the state would be used for a local match for another grant from the state to relocate the pipe. The water main will be placed along Fulton Street or Maple Street.

"Essentially it won't cost the city anything to have a new water main in place," Lowe said. "This is going to improve the reliability of the entire water system in the city."

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# City offers land swap deal to township

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A potential land swap between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township may pave the way to lease the former fire station building to the state police crime lab.

City officials have proposed to swap nearly two acres of land where the Grayling Little League fields are located on North Down River Road in exchange for the township's share of the former fire station.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said the fire station building was assessed at \$77,000 and believes that the city property is worth more than the township's interest in the fire station.

City and township officials had intended to split funds from the lease of the former fire station to the crime lab between the two municipalities. The city owns the property the fire department building is located on, but the township and city share ownership of the fire department building. The fire department moved into its new building in June.

Township officials have now decided that they don't want to be involved in the lease since the property is in the city.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright has given initial support to the land swap, but is waiting for a formal proposal from the city to put in front of the township board.

"There is no reason for the



Photo by Dan Sanderson

City of Grayling officials have proposed to swap nearly two acres of land where the Grayling Little League fields are located on North Down River Road in exchange for Grayling Township's share of the former fire station.

city to own property that is in the township and there is no reason for the township to own property that is in the city," Wright said.

The crime lab would pay the city \$19,600 per year for use of the fire department building. Any renovation costs would be added to the lease.

The city would receive about \$27,000 in profits over the six-year lease, depending on maintenance and utility costs for the building.

The Crime Lab plans to store its bomb squad truck in the building and two additional jobs would be created at the lab.

The fire station is one of two suitable sites identified in the community for storage of the truck.

Lowe said state police are only

asking for minor renovations and some equipment to be removed from the building instead of an extensive remodeling of the fire station which was previously requested.

"They will take the building as is, but that really doesn't matter to us because they will pay any renovation costs," Lowe said.

The City of Grayling shared its city hall with the crime lab for several years, before moving out of the building in 2000 to help keep the crime lab in town. The state pays the city \$112,150 per year for use of the building.

If the land swap takes place, Wright said the township may use the property to expand its recycling center. Those plans, however, depend on if the Grayling Little League continues

to occupy the property.

"We certainly would not ask the little league to move," Wright said. "We would never do that."

Richard Alexander, president of the Grayling Little League, said the officials had studied the possibility to move its ball fields to Crawford County Fairgrounds near where the Grayling Redskins football fields are located. Uncertainty over the lease of the fairground to the county from the state and issues with the former fair board which has forced the cancellation of the fair the last two years have put all plans on hold.

"We know what we have, so we're committed to staying where we are," Alexander said. "Ten years down the road, we don't know."

## Gas well decision postponed again

Savoy Energy's proposed well draws national critique

by Josh Greenberg  
Staff Writer

The campaign to keep an exploratory natural gas well out of the Huron-Manistee National Forest adjacent to the Mason Tract may have made progress recently, according to Anglers of the AuSable director Lance Weyeneth.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has postponed its decision on Savoy Energy's proposed well until the end of January.

"Any delay is a good thing," said Anglers President Rusty Gates.

Initially, the Forest Service said it would have a final decision near the end of October. This was later extended beyond the holidays to mid-January.

Once again that date has been pushed back - now to the end of the month.

The intense battle between the public and Savoy Energy has recently drawn the attention of U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin, and U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak: all of whom wrote letters to the U.S. Forest Service requesting either a

"no action" - meaning no drilling - or for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be conducted. The EIS is a time intensive and very thorough study on the environmental, recreational and economical impacts of the proposed well. It would, at the very least, delay drilling, and could halt it all together. Public comment is a major component of the EIS.

Weyeneth said that the involvement of Stabenow, Levin and Stupak - along with State Representative Matt Gillard's immediate and constant support - has helped the fight against the gas well immensely.

"The public that supports a pristine environment needs to take the time to thank Senators Stabenow and Levin, and Congressman Stupak, and the insight and courage to not let this jewel we call the Mason Tract be exploited," he said.

Weyeneth added that this latest postponement by the Forest Service coincided with their receipt of the letters.

The alternative ruling to the "no action" and the EIS is called a FONSI (Finding Of No Significant Impact). A FONSI would allow Savoy to move forward with the gas well, though it is expected that this decision would be appealed.

The Anglers of the AuSable

said in a January 4, 2005 letter to Stabenow and Levin "that Savoy's request to drill has resulted in the largest outpouring of public comments ever received by the Forest Service." The Anglers contend that they and the public were therefore shorted when they were allowed only a 60 day period to analyze the Environmental Assessment (EA) that they say took the Forest Service "months" to prepare and was 21 pages longer than the 50 page maximum suggested in the National Environmental Protection Act guidelines.

Moreover, the Anglers contend that the Forest Service EA down played the well's potential affects on recreational users and the local economy, concerns of pollution (sour gas and noise), new roads to the production facility, and the presence of rare and endangered plants.

In a letter to Russell Bacon, Acting District Ranger of the USFS, Congressman Stupak said that "the threat for the release of hydrogen sulfide gas, known as sour gas, during this drilling process is very real. This gas can cause serious health problems for those who are exposed to it..."

Stupak also said that the drilling process undermined George Mason's intent when Mason donated the Mason's Tract to the state "for the purpose

of allowing residents to enjoy an area of peace and tranquility along the AuSable River."

Senator Stabenow said that Michigan is fortunate to have areas such as the Mason Tract, and that she shared the Anglers of the AuSable's opposition to the drilling.

"It is enjoyed by countless anglers, hikers, skiers and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts. It is my belief that this proposed drilling project threatens this unspoiled area and has innumerable economic and environmental costs," Stabenow said.

## Frederic Fire Department receives FEMA Grant

by Josh Greenberg  
Staff Writer

The Frederic Fire Department recently received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for \$79,367, which Frederic Fire Chief Doug Pratt says will make his department safer and more effective.

Frederic's Fire Department went on 275 runs last year: 111 fire calls and 164 medical calls. Lovells, in that same year, went on 67 runs. Not only does Frederic's Department cover Frederic Township, but it does EMS runs for Maple Forest and half of Lovells.

"We don't go into any other township without them first requesting us," Pratt said.

Department member Jason Dasho is in charge of Frederic Fire Department grants, and actually petitioned for the large one from FEMA.

"In the last three years we've received about \$130,000. We got one from Great Lakes Energy for roughly \$6,000, which went toward a mass casualty trailer. We also receive them from the state, and the FEMA grant is our second federal grant," Dasho said.

General expenses are tax supported.

The FEMA grant will be used for new gear and tools, among these are a thermal imaging camera, and Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA).

"Some of the SCBA's were older than I am," Pratt said.

The Frederic Fire Department has thirty members, two of which are full-time.

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By Ernie Harwell



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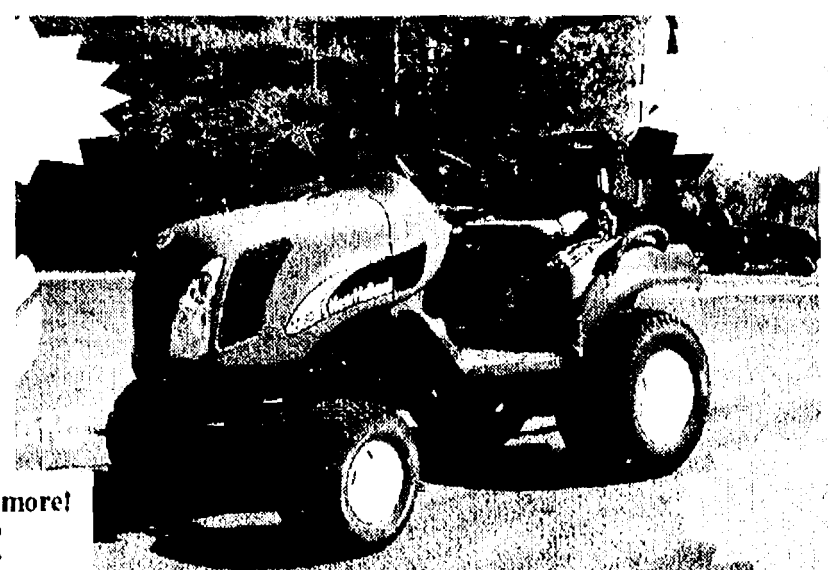
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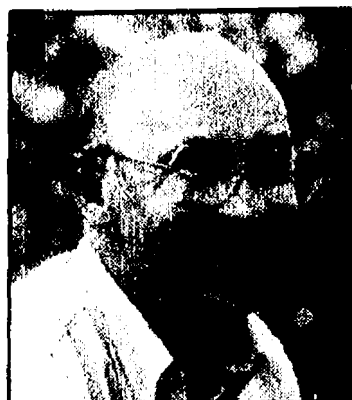
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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Shaky Bush 'mandate' will guide second term

AS HIS SECOND term dawns, President George Bush has set an ambitious agenda for the nation, both in world affairs and here at home.

He has made known many of his intentions in a series of interviews, speeches and statements in recent weeks, most likely foreshadowing the content of his second Inaugural Address on January 20, 2005.

In an interview with The Washington Post, Mr. Bush listed his top priorities for the next four years are winning the fight against terrorism, spreading freedom and democracy, reducing the deficit, and overhauling Social Security and the tax system.

As he has been since he first tossed his 10-gallon Texas Stetson into the political ring, George Bush continues a center of controversy.

An Associated Press poll released a few days before his inauguration indicates 60 percent of Americans are

"hopeful" about Mr. Bush's second term, and almost half are "worried" about it. We can be "hopeful" and still "worried," which is a good place to start.

Most poll respondents said Iraq should be the president's highest priority, and 53 percent said it was "unlikely" Iraq will have a stable government. The Iraqi election is only 10 days after Mr. Bush's inaugural.

IN THE FACE of polls that consistently reflect his approval rating in the 50 percent range, Mr. Bush insists he has a public mandate.

On Iraq, for example, according to the Washington Post interview, Mr. Bush said:

"We had an accountability moment, and that's called the 2004 elections. The American people listened to different assessments made about what was taking place in Iraq, and they looked at the two candidates, and chose me."

Apparently he considers his electoral "mandate" to extend to other parts of his vision for America, too.

Mr. Bush received about 51 percent of the vote last November, and 48 or so percent voted against him. That's more than his opponent received, of course, but is it a "mandate"?

Another 50 percent of eligible voters did not bother to vote. Does that mean they were satisfied with the way things are going in America, and these silent Americans thus create a "silent mandate"? If that's the case, where are these silent but content Americans when pollsters ask: "Are you satisfied with the direction of the country?"

Mr. Bush is president of all the people, not just those who voted for him. He is president of the 48 percent who opposed, as well as the 51 percent who supported — plus the 50 percent of non-voters, too.

What seems to set George W. Bush

apart from many public officials is his inordinate confidence in himself. He never seems to have doubts or regrets about anything.

Let us hope he is right... at least, most of the time.

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**INAUGURAL EXPENSIVE** — Despite America's wartime status, the second Bush Inaugural proceeds on January 20 with all the pomp and glitter of most inaugurations. Estimates set the total cost at about \$40 million, with private contributions from individuals and corporations paying most of the freight.

Criticism of inauguration lavishness is legitimate, in view of the war in Iraq and its steady flow of death, the Asian tsunami catastrophe, floods and mudslides and natural devastation in our own country, and other conditions, not to mention our federal deficit.

Personally I would have preferred a toned-down observance, more in keep-

ing with the somber tone of much of today's events around the world, but Mr. Bush and his backers have earned a chance at revelry if they so choose, and are willing to pay for it.

The tasks ahead that the President has outlined for himself and his administration are daunting. The Bush team may deserve an upbeat sendoff.

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**FORECAST UPDATE** — Our annual Almanack predictions last week picked the Indianapolis Colts to win the Super Bowl, but within days the New England Patriots eliminated the Colts and set a record as the fastest an Almanack prediction has ever been proven wrong. Oh well. Nostradamus was not always right, either.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## VIEWPOINT

By Paul Compo, County Administrator

### Crawford County Building Committee continues its work

Two years ago the Crawford County Board of Commissioners appointed a committee to explore the possibility of relocating the Crawford County Building and Jail. This was precipitated by the sale of the Bear Archery Property to a local developer. With the AuSable River bordering two sides of the county property and Michigan Avenue on a third side, it became obvious that if the county facilities were ever going to expand in the future, that expansion will be either towards the Bear Archery property or accomplished by adding a floor(s) to the existing structure.

The original thought was to secure a portion of the Bear Archery property to insure enough room for the future expansion. As conversations progressed, it became clear that any development of the Bear Archery Property and/or change to the County Property would have lasting effects on the City of Grayling and Crawford County. With that in mind, the City and County agreed to share the cost of a planning grant provided by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). This was

done in order to gather more information on our business community and to help pave the way for future assistance from the MEDC. The grant has been completed and has provided both the County and the City with a great deal of valuable information. It has also provided a number of options for the possible relocation of the Crawford County Building and Jail. Of course, each option has pros and cons along with a cost associated with it. There is also the distinct possibility that doing nothing will have the greatest "long-term" cost.

The Crawford County Building Exploratory Committee is in the process of analyzing the data and plans to move forward with a goal of making a final recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners by late spring. The Committee would also like to encourage any interested citizens to be involved, and attend the meetings and lend your input to the decision making process. Any individuals interested in more information or future meeting times and dates should contact Paul Compo, County Administrator, at 344-3202.

## EDITOR

### If you break it, you fix it

To the editor:

Recently, while shoveling my driveway I noticed that a Crawford County snowplow knocked my mailbox down breaking the post off and hitting the mailbox.

I called the Crawford County Road Commission and they said they would give me a new mailbox if I brought the old one in. I asked about the post that the snowplow broke off and was told that they do not replace the post. I was not satisfied with that answer and asked for a supervisor to come out and look at my mailbox.

Three or four days later I called the Road Commission again and was told that the driver hit the mailbox and broke it off, but their policy is they will replace the mailbox and not the post. The post cost me \$28.95 plus it was painted to match my home. I

think their policy sucks!

It has always been in my lifetime, you break it, you fix it. If I knocked down someone's mailbox I would be happy to replace it and put it up like it was before. My mailbox has been in the same place for over five years and I have never had a problem with it being there. I think the Road Commission should have the courtesy to let you know that they knocked your mailbox down and should pay for the damages.

I think it is against the law to mess with anybody's mailbox. Snowplow drivers should be more responsible. I know they are making more money than I am. And I know I am paying enough taxes in this county to get better service than that.

Lloyd Crawford  
Grayling

### Library board members need to stop bickering

To the editor:

It's time that the Crawford County Library Board members stopped bickering among themselves and start running the board like they should.

Presently they are constantly reneging on a contract to keep the Beaver Creek Township Library up and running permanently, even though the Library millage was passed, of which part of it was to keep this library open and servicing the community.

The Library Board is more concerned about the numbers using the Beaver Creek Library instead of trying to find ways to increase the use of the library.

The Beaver Creek Library is back in the Stone Age. It had its electronic connection with the Devereaux Library taken out and must do everything manually to run it. Now the Devereaux staff must enter the information into

the computers, which many times do not get entered.

I had been a volunteer at the Beaver Creek Library and was offering to help promote the library and start or help organize a story time for the children. I was told that it could not be done and only a member of the library staff could do it.

Since that time I was told they no longer needed my help or wanted me to help in any way with the library, even though my background before moving to the area was working in The Detroit News Library.

It seems the Library Board needs to get their priorities in order and get down to business of what they were chosen to do or get the Friends of the Library involved with helping to keep all the libraries in the community up and running.

Anita Mack  
Beaver Creek Township

### American Legion Post 106 provides services to active duty military units

To the editor:

The Grayling American Legion Post 106 has established some new policies that will provide services to military individuals and units called to active duty. Arrangements for them may be scheduled by stopping at the Post and talking to an employee or Post Officer.

Any units called up to active duty can have the use of the Legion Hall at no cost for a going away or coming home party. A unit's support group can have the same privilege for their meetings while the unit is gone.

The Post is getting blue Star Banners that show that a family

has a member on active duty that immediate family members can pick up at the Post at no cost.

Any person on active military duty during this "War on Terror" period is eligible for membership in the American Legion. A military member, family member or friend can pick up a membership application at the Post, have it completed and returned. The membership will be complimentary, but will be renewed as long as the individual is on the deployment that earned the eligibility.

Arthur R. Thayer  
American Legion Post 106  
Post Chaplain

### The secret behind the change in figuring social security

To the editor:

A closer look behind the Republican's push to change the Social Security funding from a salary index to a cost-of-goods index reveals some very interesting priorities.

From 1970 to 2000 a few billionaires already at the top of the income scale saw their real annual income soar by over 300%. Those at the very top reaped a tax-loophole bonanza of nearly 600% increase.

During the same period, wage earners below the poverty line realized a 12% to 15% loss in real income. This upward shifting of income and wealth was largely due to tax-slashing that began under the Reagan administration.

The Bush administration has pushed even more benefit-the -billionaire tax cuts through a Republican congress in the past few years, accelerating the upward shift of the nation's income from a trickle to a torrent.

The result is that the income index is rising faster than the cost of goods index. This provides an unintended, and in the Republican's view, undesirable boost in benefits for the orphans, the widows, the disabled and the elderly who rely on Social Security.

By changing the index they can short-change the most needy to provide even more benefit to the most pampered.

Terry L. Dickinson  
Kingsley

#### Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.  
Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.  
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# BRIEFS

## Senior center hosts speaker on gambling

The Crawford County Commission on Aging will be sponsoring Virginia Peroni who will be presenting information on the issue of senior gambling and information about early warning signs of addiction on Tuesday, January 25, 5:15 p.m. The Commission on Aging in Grayling is located at 308 Lawndale. For more information or if you need transportation, contact Elouise Mize at 989-348-7123.

## Scouts to hold annual Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout pack #3993 is having their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 22 at the AuSable Primary School cafeteria. Scouts from grades first through fifth will present their finished cars to race starting at 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. There will be an open class for anyone wishing to race. The public is welcome to support the Cubs. Any questions call Brad Summers at 348-6484 (home) or 348-9755 (work).

## Sherwood Forest to hold watch meeting

Sherwood Forest will hold an organizational meeting to choose block captains for the Neighborhood Watch Program on January 20, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall. All residents of Sherwood Forest are welcome to attend. Minutes from the initial and window decals will be handed out. Contact Alan Peterson at 348-8573 if you have any questions.

## People can take advantage of new tax benefit extension for contribution to the Tsunami relief effort

*Tax code change approved by Congress treats authorized January 2005 contributions as deductible for 2004*

Anyone who wants to make a contribution for the relief of victims of the December tsunami in the Indian Ocean has been given a tax incentive to do so during January 2005, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) said.

"I was pleased to be able to join with my congressional colleagues in prompt passage of this tax measure, which will benefit those who wish to contribute - or contribute more - for the relief of victims of this terrible disaster," Stabenow said.

The legislation, approved by both the U.S. House and Senate and sent to the president for his signature, would treat contributions made in January 2005 as though they had been made before Dec. 31, 2004, allowing them to be claimed on this year's tax forms.

First-time contributors should research their donations or consult with a tax advisor to ensure the charitable organization to which they contribute is recognized by the IRS. Among other rules, she noted that contribu-

tions to a charitable organization that provides overseas assistance qualifies for a deduction only if the U.S. organization has full control of the use of its funds.

In addition, according to IRS rules, the benefit can only be claimed by individuals who itemize their deduction.

Also, potential contributors should be cautioned that a variety of scam artists are seeking to prey on individuals who want to contribute to disaster relief. Among other resources, the legitimacy of an organization can be checked online at [www.guidestar.org/](http://www.guidestar.org/) or, in Michigan, through the office of the attorney general. Information on the ongoing relief effort is available through a link at Stabenow's Web site, <http://stabenow.senate.gov/>

"People of the United States are generous, giving people, and this tax incentive is important to spur donations that are urgently needed now in response to this monumental tragedy," Stabenow said. "I encourage individuals who wish to support this relief effort with a cash contribution to take advantage of this new tax benefit."

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal.

Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, January 21 - Lunch - Sloppy Joe, Potato Salad, Brussels Sprouts, Mandarin Oranges No dinner. 12:00 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. stagette club and pantry bingo.

Monday, January 24 - Swedish Meatballs w/noodles, Broccoli, Pineapple, Plums. Dinner Pork Roast, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Herbed Green Beans, Cherry Crisp. 12:00 p.m. Stag Club, 1 p.m. Bridge Club 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, January 25 Lunch - Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots, Celery & Apple salad, Butterscotch Brownies. Dinner - Stuffed Peppers, Beets,

Coleslaw, Peaches. 10:00 a.m. Tenant Council Meeting, 1:00 p.m. Euchre Club, 5:15 p.m. Speaker - Gambling, 6:00 p.m. Pool Challenge.

Wednesday, January 26 Lunch - Bacon & Cheese Quiche, Green Bean Almandine, Perfection Salad, Pineapple Chunks. Dinner - Swiss Steak, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots Melon Balls. 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing, 12:00 p.m. Stag Club, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo

Thursday, January 27 - Lunch - Meatloaf, AuGratin Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Salad, Dinner - Pancakes & Sausage, Baked Apples & Raisins, Coffee Cake. 10:00 a.m. Aerobics, 10:00 a.m. Craft Class, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for January 16 - of \$25 each: Pat Benardo, Glenna Wheeler, Kevin Fleming, Steve Green and

### Lisa O'Connor.

### Grayling Lions Club

The Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle winner of \$100 for week two is Randy Baerlocher of Grayling.

## Crawford Roscommon conservation to hold Annual Meeting

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will be holding its 37th Annual Meeting/Open House on Wednesday, January 26 in the CRAF Center at 606 Lake Street, Roscommon.

The Open House and Meet the Staff will be held from noon to 7 p.m. in which election of one director, the 2004 Photo contest display and voting, door prizes and light refreshments will be served.

Information and programs will be held on: Emerald Ash Borer and Forest Health, Farm Bill Programs, Gypsy Moth Suppression Program, Groundwater Stewardship

Program, Higgins Lake Watershed, and Home A Syst and Farm A Syst.

A program entitled "Emerald Ash Borer, The Green Menace," showing the destruction this unwanted visitor has caused so far in the greater Detroit area and other places in southeast Michigan will begin at 4 p.m.

A business meeting and awards will begin at 7 p.m.

For further information or a copy of the Annual Report, stop in the office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday; or call 989-275-5213 and ask for Barb Stauffer, Administrator or Theresa Compton, Administrative Assistant.

## Hospital offers specialized prostate cancer surgery

Some of the most specialized surgeries being done today are available at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Urologist Brian Stirling, DO, now offers a treatment for prostate cancer called brachytherapy. This minimally invasive surgery is performed on an outpatient basis and has fewer long-term side effects than traditional surgery and radiation treatments.


Brachytherapy is a form of internal radiation in which small radiation sources called seeds, about the size of a grain of rice, are implanted in the prostate. The radiation source then works from the inside to destroy the cancerous tumor.


The 10-year disease specific survival rate for men treated with brachytherapy shows it to be as effective as surgery for most prostate cancer.

"For many men, this is a viable, safe, and effective option that avoids some of the immediate complications of traditional

treatments such as impotence, infertility, urinary, and digestive tract difficulties," Dr. Stirling said.

For more information about Mercy Hospital Grayling, please call (989) 348-5461 or visit [mercygrayling.munsonhealthcare.org](http://mercygrayling.munsonhealthcare.org).


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# The Bible Speaks

## Atheist Believes in God

Antony Flew, an internationally known British philosophy professor who spent most of his life as a leading champion of atheism, now believes in God. After teaching for years at Oxford, Aberdeen, Keele, and numerous universities in Britain, Canada, and America that there is a lack of evidence for God, at age 81 after gradually considering the growing evidence of biologists, investigation of DNA he has changed his mind.

In a new video entitled, "Has Science Discovered God?" Flew indicates this growing DNA evidence, "has shown, by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements which are needed to produce (life), that intelligence must have been involved."

Flew makes no profession of believing in any particular form of God or of making any form of conversion to any theistic faith. He has discovered that the compelling evidence involved in the basic DNA blueprint of life refute his earlier presuppositions of naturalistic evolution as the first cause of life.

David warned us about athe-

ists in Psalm 14:1: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." God tells us in Romans 1:19,20 that all human beings have received the natural revelation of divine creation by simply observing the things God has made. "19Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. 20For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

To know the eternal Godhead and power who designed and created the natural world we must turn to His special revelation in the Bible. In the opening verse of Genesis 1:1 we read: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." His Godhead is implied in Genesis 1:26,27, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." John 1:1-3 gives a detailed commentary on this Godhead at work. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the

Word was God. 2The same was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

The Godhead is identified as in Heaven today in 1 John 5:7: "7For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." Jesus Christ is the eternal word made flesh in John 1:14, to reveal God's glory, proclaim God's truth, and provide eternal salvation for us through His vicarious death, burial, and resurrection for our sins. God promised us in 1 John 5:12,13: 12He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

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## OBITUARIES

### Victoria B. Davio

Victoria B. Davio, 92, of Lovells, passed away on January 10, 2005, at the National Lutheran Home in Rockville, Maryland.

She is survived by her son, Peter (Francine) Davio of Clarksburg, Maryland; sibling, Jack Chencinski of Michigan; and grandchildren Dennis, Paul, Brian and Michael Davio, great-grandchild Hailey Rae Davio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ubaldo C. Davio; two sons, Dennis and Gerald Davio; four sisters: Elizabeth, Gertrude, Ethel and Florence; and one brother, Stanley.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, January 13, 2005, 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Barnesville, Maryland. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements by Hilton Funeral Home, Barnesville, MD.

### Marlin Friske

Mar. 18, 1931 - Jan. 17, 2005

Marlin "Friske" Friske, 73, of Grayling passed away on January 17, 2005.

"Friske" was born on March 18, 1931 in Wyandotte. He was a retired Electrical Mechanic/Air Force. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, American Legion, Eagles, Am-Vets and the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by Donald (Marian) Friske of Livonia; Dorothy Scannell of Livonia and the Luke Petrosky family of Grayling.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2005, with visitation beginning at 5 p.m., and services at 6:30 p.m., at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

### Nancy Jean Kessler

Aug. 16, 1936 - Jan. 12, 2005  
Nancy Jean Kessler, 68, passed away on January 12, 2005.

Nancy was born in Alma, on August 16, 1936, to Audley and Freda Caris.

She received a degree from MSU and taught elementary school for 30 years in the Lansing School District. Nancy was a member of the NEA, MEA, MARSP, GLARSP and Alpha Delta Kappa, all professional organizations for educators. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. After retirement she volunteered at Hospice House. Her and her husband George were founding members of Asbury United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband; two children, Kevin of Durham, North Carolina and Karen (George) Lipscomb of Cary, North Carolina; three grandchildren: Alexia, Lea and Steven; one sister, Mary K. (Jerry) Gray of Ann Arbor; brother-in-laws: Roger, Jim and Tom and their spouses, Phyllis, Rosie and Georgia; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

A service of Death and Resurrection will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2005, 1:30 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, Lansing. The family will receive friends at the church one hour before the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church or to Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, P.O. Box 30480, Lansing, MI 48909.

Arrangements by Gorsline-Runciman Company, East Lansing.

### Cathy Lynn Sturdivant

Jan. 19, 1957 - Jan. 15, 2005

Cathy Lynn Sturdivant, 47, of Grayling, passed away on January 15, 2005.

Cathy was born on January 19, 1957 in Grayling to Edward and Violet Sturdivant. She was married to Christopher Beck for 25 years. Cathy was a homemaker raised in Grayling. She loved karaoke, music, playing guitar and crafts.

She is survived by Christopher Beck; two daughters, Maria (Ervin) Watson and Chrissy (Frank) Olson, both of Grayling; grandchildren: Micheal Beck, William McPeck, Brett Beck and Thomas Olson of Grayling; siblings: Helen (Pete) Kelly of Grayling, Edward (Kathy) Sturdivant of Kentucky, Betty (Pete) Krizman of St. Johns, Connie (Roy) Hess of Illinois, Richard (Christine) Sturdivant of Grayling, and Elien (Teddy) Hess of Florida; friend Lisa Brown of Grayling; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister and one brother.

Funeral services will be held on January 19, 2005 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

### Wilma Artel Van Eck

Mar. 2, 1911 - Jan. 6, 2005

Wilma Artel "Billie" Van Eck, 93, of Grayling, passed away on January 6, 2005, after a short illness.

Billie was born in Grand Rapids, March 2, 1911, to Samuel and Lena Van Eck.

She spent much of her adult life in Grand Rapids. Her early professional career was spent at The House of Charm & Distinction Co. and Travelers Insurance Company. She moved with her brother, Arthur, to Manton, and then to Grayling where she was a volunteer in Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, serving over 9,000 hours.

She is survived by her sister, Isabella Crocker; brother, William "Babe" (Marian) Van Eck, of Grand Rapids; Patricia Van Eck, wife of Orville Van Eck, of Iowa City, Iowa; nieces and nephews: Melanie Schommer, Lane Crocker, Sara Van Eck, Kimberley Lehman, Marjorie Willey, Joseph Aronson, William Van Eck and David Van Eck; many cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur and Orville Van Eck, and sister Ladean Meyer.

Funeral services will be held on January 10, 2005 at Reyers Funeral Home in Grand Rapids.

A memorial fund for the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary will be established in Billie's honor. Contributions can be forwarded to: Mercy Hospital, ATTN: Jody Shultz, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

### Violet Ruth Lafountain

Jan. 12, 1912 - Jan. 17, 2005

Violet Ruth Lafountain, 93, of Grayling died on January 17, 2005.

Violet was born on January 12, 1912 in West Virginia. She married Albert Lafountain on October 14, 1947. She was a homemaker and a member of the Frederic Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters: Elouise (Clyde) Mize of Maple Forest Township, Ruth Derry of Grayling and Jackie (David) Farmer of Grayling, one son, Albert (Birdie) Best of Florida, 23 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1990, daughter Vonda (Best) Smith and two infants.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 21, 2005, noon, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home with Pastor Dale Hammond officiating. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 20 at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Friday, January 21 at 10 a.m. to noon. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Riversbend Rehabilitation Center for the brain injured or the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

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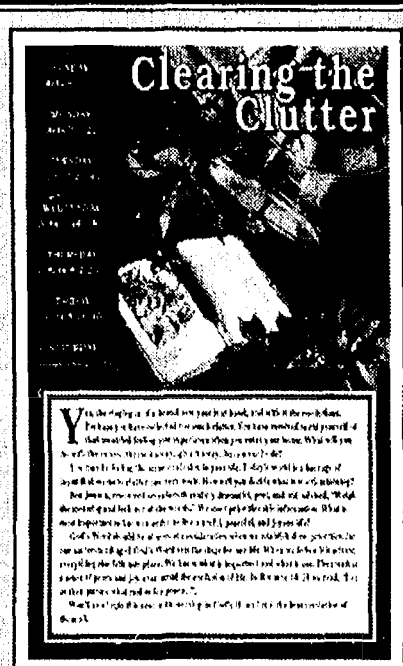
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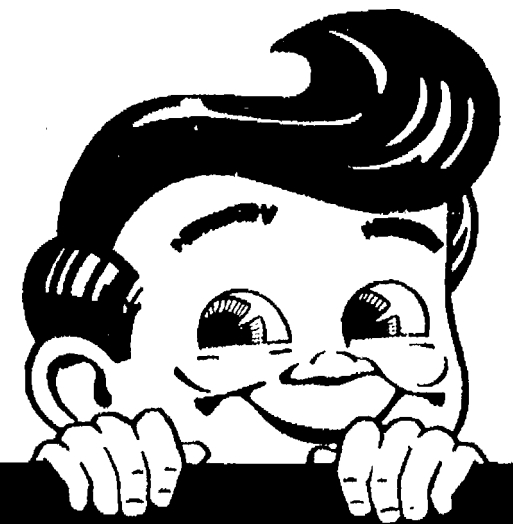
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## Pointe North Motel invests in hands-off massage therapy

by Josh Greenberg  
Staff Writer

Pointe North Motel's new spa capsule is not some sort of pill, but is instead an adult-sized device that offers what hotel manager Debbie Andrews calls a "truly full body massage."

"The great thing is that nobody has to undress for this. It's more comfortable this way," she

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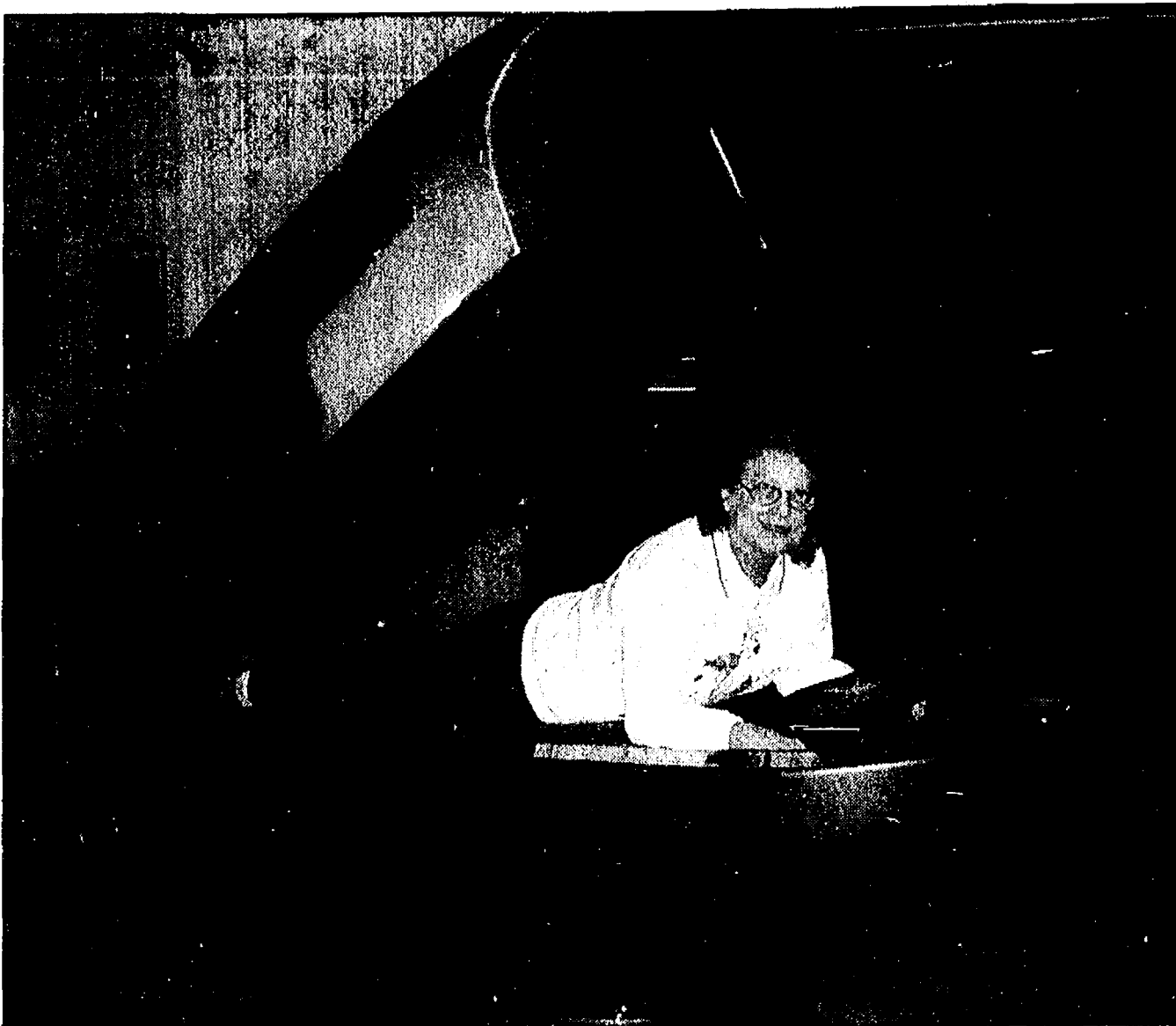


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Adrian Andrews, owner of the Pointe North Motel, prepares to give her new spa capsule a whirl.

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# January is national mentoring month

To kick off national mentoring month Crawford County MSU Extension held the first in a series of mentor training, "Life's Better With a Mentor" program, on January 8. The mentoring program focuses on recruiting adult mentors who are caring, committed and positive role-models.

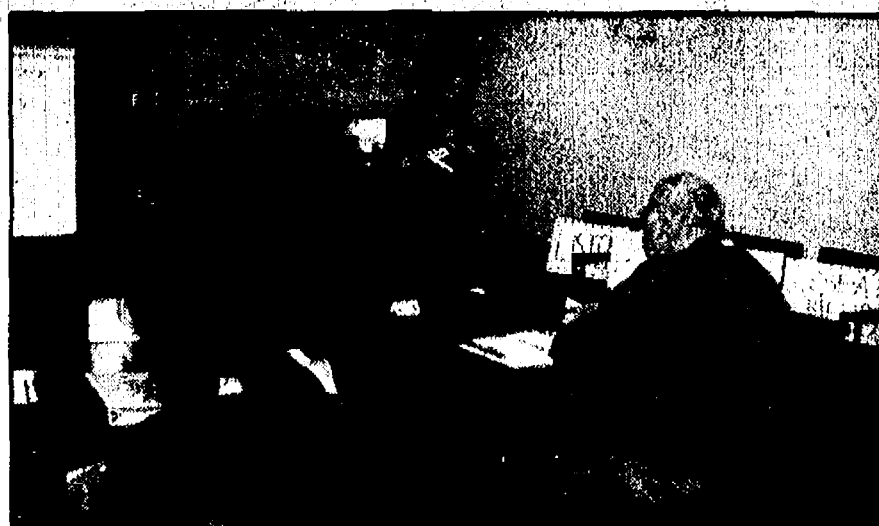
Students from Grayling Elementary and Middle School grades three through eight will have the chance to be paired with an adult mentor, based on the amount of volunteer mentors who come forward.

The mentoring relationship is designed to be fun and beneficial for both the child and adult. Research has shown that the

benefits of a mentoring relationship for the child include: increased chance of success in school, healthy personal development, and even thoughtful career preparation.

This program has been created with the children of Crawford County in mind. If you would like an opportunity to be trained as a volunteer mentor you would be providing a great service to your community, not to mention, gaining personal satisfaction from helping a child.

For more information about "Life's Better With a Mentor" program, contact Clare Sussex, Americorps Member at 344-3264 or email to [sussex@msu.edu](mailto:sussex@msu.edu).



Grayling area students will have an opportunity to be paired with an adult mentor through the Crawford County MSU Extensions new mentoring training program. Shown above are area adults participating in the first training program to become a volunteer mentor.

## Box Tops fundraising campaign nears school year goal

The AuSable Primary School announces its progress with this school year's 2004-2005 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. Earlier this fall, the school set a goal of bringing in 10,000 box tops. To this date, the school has raised a total of 8,210 box tops. Each box top is worth 10¢. Every dime earned is returned to the students as treats, special events, fieldtrips, etc. This money allows the school to do the "extras" that the budget won't allow.

To help the school reach their goal, they had fun contests. They kicked the year off with Box Tops Blast Off! Around the World in 25 box tops. Students were given maps to fill in 25 box tops as they adventured around the world. Each completed map received a small prize and the student's name was entered into a drawing for a chance for an additional prize. A total of 209 maps with 5,433 box tops were raised with this contest. Winners of the drawing are as follows: Britney Weaver, Kayla Vincenty-Cole, Natalie Pratt, Roger Walsh, Seth Stanley, Darren Johnston, Derrick

Richardson, David Comer, Molly Leslie, Ashley Branch, Gregory Alma, Shae-Lin Krayes, Nic LaLonde, Caleb Miller, Jordyn Myers, Jordan Denton, Joseph Gildner, Brittney Nielson, Dallas Johnson, Hannah Goltick, Emmett Helsel, Skye Shriver, Jordan Richardson, Sami Fyan, Amber Bunker, Brandyn Howe, and Hailey Eames. Each student received a book with a box top sticker and bookmark. A few students were awarded with a special Box Top t-shirt for their top collecting efforts. They are: Dan Miller (103/4 maps), Jeremy Hulbert (103/4 maps), Christina Bonamie (104/4 maps), Skye Shriver (149/6 maps), Nic LaLonde (151/6 maps), Emily Chatterton (167/6 maps) and Erica Umor (215/3 maps).

The next contest was a coloring page contest. Each student was given a Box Top coloring page to color and return with three box tops. Once completed, each student received a special treat. A total of 197 coloring pages were turned in with a total of 900 box tops collected.

The school is currently running



Photo courtesy of Yvonne Schreiber

These students were awarded with special Box Top t-shirts for their top collecting efforts: Dan Miller, Jeremy Hulbert, Christina Bonamie, Skye Shriver, Nic LaLonde, Emily Chatterton and Erica Umor.

a "We Love Our Principal" contest. The student to bring in the most box tops within a two week collection period will be able to have "special lunch" with Mrs. Mick.

To help the students at the AuSable Primary reach their goals, and to help with classroom supplies and fieldtrips, there are several easy ways to get involved. Collect Box Tops and send them to AuSable Primary, "Attention

Yvonne Schreiber-Box Tops Coordinator" at 306 Plum Street, Grayling, MI 49738. Or join the Box Tops Booster Club at [box-tops4education.com](http://box-tops4education.com) and designate AuSable Primary as the chosen school to donate through purchases at the Box Tops Marketplace. More details can be found on the Box Tops Website: [www.box-tops4education.com](http://www.box-tops4education.com), or click on the link from the schools website: [www.casdk12.net/aps](http://www.casdk12.net/aps).

## Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District Open House & Annual Meeting

Wed., January 26<sup>th</sup>

CRAF Center, 606 Lake street; Roscommon MI

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4:00 p.m.: "Emerald Ash Borer" presentation

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**Jennifer Lynn Hoag**  
 Jennifer Lynn Hoag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoag of Grayling was named to the Dean's List by Dr. Matthew A. Beemer, Vice President for Academic Affairs, at Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 2004 fall semester. This was a result of earning a B average or higher.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

**Frederic Community Library**  
 The following book was donated to the Frederic Community Library: In memory of Howard Davis from Judy Davis, *The Greatest Generation*.

A genealogy meeting will be held January 27 at 7 p.m. at the library. The topic of the meeting will be: Helpful Genealogy Web sites.

Diane Tomlinson will be hosting another rubberstamping program featuring Valentine Day Cards on Thursday, February 10 at 4:15 p.m. Please call the library at 348-4067 for sign up.

Library hours are Monday 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of January 9 - January 16:

One traffic warning, two traffic accidents, four private property accidents, six assist other departments, one alarm response, three motorist assists, 10 city ordinance violations, three suspicious situations, one welfare check, three civil complaints, three larceny complaints, four disturbing the peace complaints, two attempt to locate, one violation of personal protection order and seven unclassified complaints.

## Chesner, Meines engaged



**Michael Meines and Shannon Chesner**

Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Chesner, Jr. of Waters announces the engagement of their daughter Shannon Joyce to Michael Meines, the son of Richard Meines Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Herring of Grand Rapids. Shannon is a 2000 graduate of Gaylord High School and currently attends Davenport University in Grand Rapids. She is scheduled to graduate with her bachelor degree in Human Resource Management in May 2005. Shannon is employed with National City Banking. Michael is a 1998 graduate of Caledonia High School and is currently employed with Temple Trucking Company. A June 18, 2005 wedding is being planned.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period January 20 - 26, 2005.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations during the following dates: January 20 -26.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: January 20 - 21 and 25 - 26.

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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## DDA to unveil, take input on plans

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Projects which would include both private and public investment include:

- Develop open space amenities on the former Bear Archery property.

- Create a Community Playhouse for theatre productions at the Rialto Theatre.

- Assist with commercial development on the South I-75 Business Loop.

DDA officials are still studying how it will pay its share of public improvements as state and federal grants are pursued for the projects.

Tax Increment Financing, which is the capture of increased taxes due to investment and inflation in the district, is not feasible because school taxes can not be captured and Crawford County officials would not likely agree to give up taxes collected within the district, Heinert said.

The city council may also use some funds from the income tax or sell bonds to fund projects.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Redevelopment of vacant store fronts on the Shoppenagon block is one initiative identified in Grayling's Downtown Development Authority plan.

The DDA could also place a two mill tax levy on the 111 businesses within the DDA district.

"It's basically moving money from one pot to another," Heinert said.

The Grayling City Council will have to approve the DDA plan before any of the economic and public enhancements move

forward.

"They've got to get started with some of the their planning if they are going to stay on pace with some of these projects," Heinert said.

Tim Zigila, president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, said the DDA was a long time coming.

"The plan is a positive step in the right direction toward energizing the downtown business district and also creating a shopping and dining destination," Zigila said. "This will give us something to promote and provides an opportunity for people to stop and see what Grayling is all about."

## Settlement allows adult store to open

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litigation death spiral," Lord said.

Failure to settle the lawsuit could have subjected the township to all liability and legal expenses in the case.

"We were very fortunate that almost all the legal expenses for this litigation were paid by our insurance carrier, the Michigan Township's Participating Plan," said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright. "It cost the township residents very little and our insurance rates won't go up because of it."

Grayling Township resident Bob Morley said he was not pleased to hear the news that the adult book store was on its way.

"I'm certainly not happy and don't like that it's going to be here, but I guess there's not a lot we can do about it," Morley said.

Margaret Gonzalez, who lives in the residential area near the book store, said she was leery of



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Fantasies Unlimited will be opening its doors at 6131 M-72 West by the end of January after the Grayling Township Board approved the settlement of a federal lawsuit last week.

having the business open, but was pleased that township officials were able to put some restrictions on the business to protect children.

"To me, it's kind of a freaky place to have something like that," Gonzalez said. "If there are any problems, the neighborhood

is going be upset."

Edgar Kalthoff, who has lived in Crawford County for 30 years and has grandchildren in the area, wondered why Vannatter is still opening the store given the large public outcry against the business.

"Everybody I've talked to is

against it. "I haven't found one person that's for it," said Kalthoff, who lives in South Branch Township. "There is no way they should have allowed a terrible thing like that in the area."

Grayling Township is now in the process of developing a new adult entertainment ordinance as an amendment to the township's current zoning ordinance.

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 25 to add language to zoning books which place specific definitions on sexually-oriented businesses in order to prevent other businesses from coming to the community, Wright said.

## Dinner show features The Merling Trio

The Grayling Promotional Association's Community Cultural Events Program will present The Merling Trio dinner show on Thursday, January 27, at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

The Merling Trio was founded in 1988, and quickly established itself as a premiere ensemble. A truly international trio, it brings together musicians from Polish, Japanese and Dutch backgrounds. The Merling Trio has been hailed a brilliantly distinguished group endowed with remarkable gifts of communication, magnificent precision and an impeccable blend of sound.

Members of the Trio have performed with orchestras such as the English Chamber Orchestra, the Honolulu Symphony, the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia and the South Carolina Philharmonic. Recent trio performances include concerts at New York's Merkin Hall and at Gartner Auditorium at the Cleveland Museum of Art, as well as three performances of the Beethoven Triple Concerto with the Grand Rapids Symphony.

Guest musician, Thomas Knific, is adept as both a classical and jazz musician. He has been principal bassist in orchestras in the United States, Latin America and Europe. He has toured and recorded with Dave Brubeck, Randy Brecker, Art Farn Hart, Gene Bertoncini, Harvey Mason, John Abercrombie, Toots Thielemas, Marienthal, Kenny Werner and others.

Doors open at the January 27



The Merling Trio featuring Renata Artman Knific, violin, Bruce Uchimura, cello, and Susan Wiersma Uchimura, piano, will be performing at the Holiday Inn as part of the Grayling Promotional Association's Cultural Events Program on January 27.

dinner show at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 with the performance immediately following. Cost is \$27.50 and includes tax and tip.

Dinner entrees include London Broil or fish in a bag (New Zealand Whitefish), Dutchess Potatoes, vegetable, rolls and butter, salad, Bananas Foster and

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Tickets are available at Flowers by Josie, the Grayling Chamber of Commerce or call 989-348-7146.

This event is made possible by the Grayling Promotional Association in partnership with area businesses and corporations.

## Road board keeps same officers

At its first meeting of 2005 last week, the Crawford County Road Commission Board opted to keep the same officers for another year.

Ken Riehle will continue to serve as chairman and John Hartman is still the vice-chairman. The third member of the Road Commission Board is Jim

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 Day of Class: Monday  
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#### Hatha Yoga I

Class Starts: February 10, 2005  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Thursday  
 Time: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Rm  
 Cost: \$40.00  
 Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, wear loose clothing.

#### Microsoft Office

Class Starts: February 2, 2005  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Wednesday  
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling Middle School-Computer Lab  
 Cost: \$70.00 (includes books)  
 Instructor: Nancy Hatfield

This eight-week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel and/or PowerPoint. The instructor will tailor the class around the needs of the students.

#### Hatha Yoga II

Class Starts: February 10, 2005  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Thursday  
 Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Rm  
 Cost: \$40.00  
 Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States, and is certified by him.

#### Introduction to Computers

Class Starts: January 31, 2005  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Monday  
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling Middle School-Computer Lab  
 Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)  
 Instructor: Nancy Hatfield

Did you receive a computer for Christmas? Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse?) Is the screen too dark and you are not sure how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought you saved? (I was supposed to save it?) If this sounds like you, come and join us we start at the very beginning and learn about computers.

#### New World Karate

Class Starts: February 1, 2005  
 Ages: 4 and up  
 Length of Class: Ongoing  
 Day of Class: Tuesday  
 Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Room  
 Cost: \$5.00 per class  
 Instructor: Zack Burns

This class is conducted in a fun, friendly yet disciplined environment. The Primary study at New World Karate centers on teaching transferable life skills such as; enhancing self esteem, increasing the student's ability to focus, developing patience, making positive life choices and instilling the values of respect, discipline and good citizenship. Another benefit of New World Karate involves physical development of gross and fine motor skills, coordination, agility, and self defense skills.

#### Spanish for Adults

Class Starts: February 2, 2005  
 Length of Class: 8 weeks  
 Day of Class: Wednesday  
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Place: Grayling High School  
 Cost: \$40.00  
 Instructor: Barb Hunter

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#### Grace Under Pressure Self-Defense for Women

Class Starts: January 31, 2005  
 Length of Class: Continuous 8 week sessions  
 Day of Class: Monday  
 Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Place: AuSable Primary-Gross Motor Skills Room  
 Cost: \$25.00  
 Instructor: John Homrich

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## Shaffer's celebrate 50th anniversary



Frank and Janet Shaffer

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin E. Shaffer will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 22, 2005. Their family will honor them with a dinner at Mama Mia's in Livonia and have also planned a trip for all to Las Vegas in the spring.

Frank and Janet are long time residents of Redford, who now reside in Grayling. They are the parents of five children: Frank Jr. (Linda), Ron (Brenda) and Kevin (Lori) all of Livonia. Bill (Kathie) of Brighton, and daughter Susan (Blake) of South Lyon and have 13 grandchildren and are great-grandparents of five.

Now retired, Frank was an accomplished plasterer and worked on many landmark facilities including the Penguin House at the Detroit Zoo as well as the huge "sphere" at Epcot Center in Florida. Since relocating to Grayling, he has enjoyed traveling in their motor home, side trips to all the casinos in Michigan and visits with his family from downstate. Shaffer loves to make homemade pizza and breakfast for his guests.

While raising their family, Janet was heavily involved in the various schools the children attended in the Redford Union School District as well as sports teams with the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association (RTJAA). She was the sponsor of the RU Majorette squad for many years and active in the RU band boosters long after her children graduated from Redford Union High School. Mrs. Shaffer traveled extensively with the RU band including two international trips to Europe. Mrs. Shaffer is a member of the United Methodist Church in Grayling and is active in several senior citizen groups. She established a "Birthday Group" at her church that meets once a month for lunch at favorite restaurants to honor those celebrating birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer are members of the Eagles Club in Grayling. They attend a variety of events at the Club and often volunteer for fundraising activities which benefit various charities.

## MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Apprentice Sarah A. Bernat, daughter of Susan M. and Harold J. Turney of Frederic, was recently promoted to her current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Bernat received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle. Training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Bernat is a 2003 graduate of Gaylord High School.

### Card of Thanks

Thank you to Ace Hardware and Mr. Bill Gannon for the beautiful plants you gave me and to Curt and Linda, and Donna Marshall for the gifts, to the Ladies Eagles Club for the fruit basket. Thank you to the Crawford AuSable School Retirees, my co-workers in the middle school kitchen, my family and many friends who sent me cards. Thank you to my husband, Larry, the love of my life, who took care of me before and after my back surgery.

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## Vikings sweep East Jordan in tripleheader at GHS

Varsity, JV, freshman basketball teams all post victories vs. Red Devils

■ Varsity squad moves to 7-2 overall with 77-56 conference win

The GHS varsity boys basketball team capped a three-game sweep of East Jordan last week with a 77-56 victory over the Red Devils in the third game of last Friday's triple-

header at Grayling High School.

The freshman team won the first game of the series 54-43, and the junior varsity Vikings won their match-up vs. East

Jordan 62-53.

The varsity squad got off to a strong start with a 23-6 first quarter and led by 26 (66-40) going into the fourth quarter. Grayling won the contest by 21,

77-56.

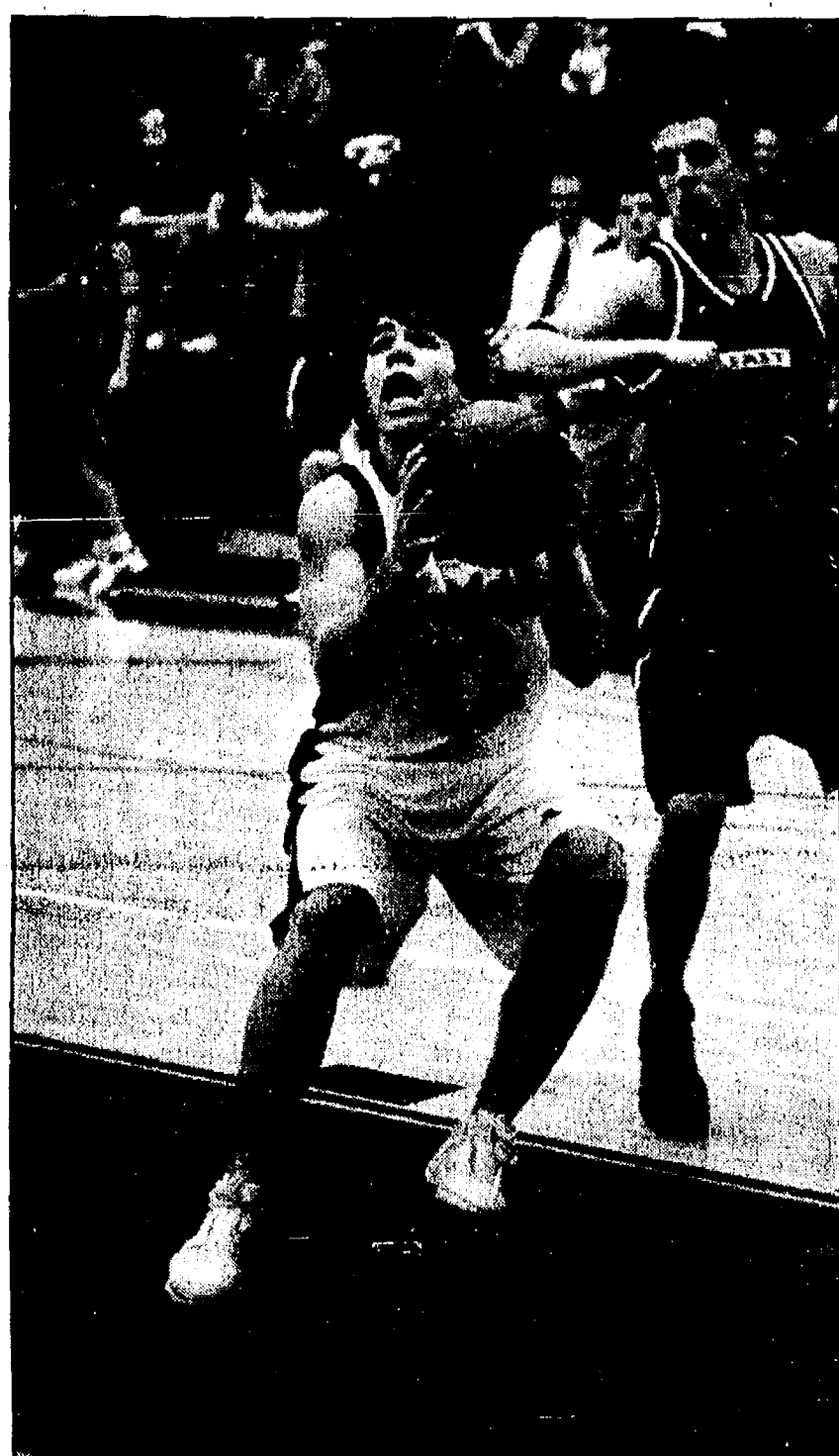
The win improved Grayling's season record to 7-2 (4-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference).

"Deano, JB, Reagan, Hinks, and GT got us out of the gates

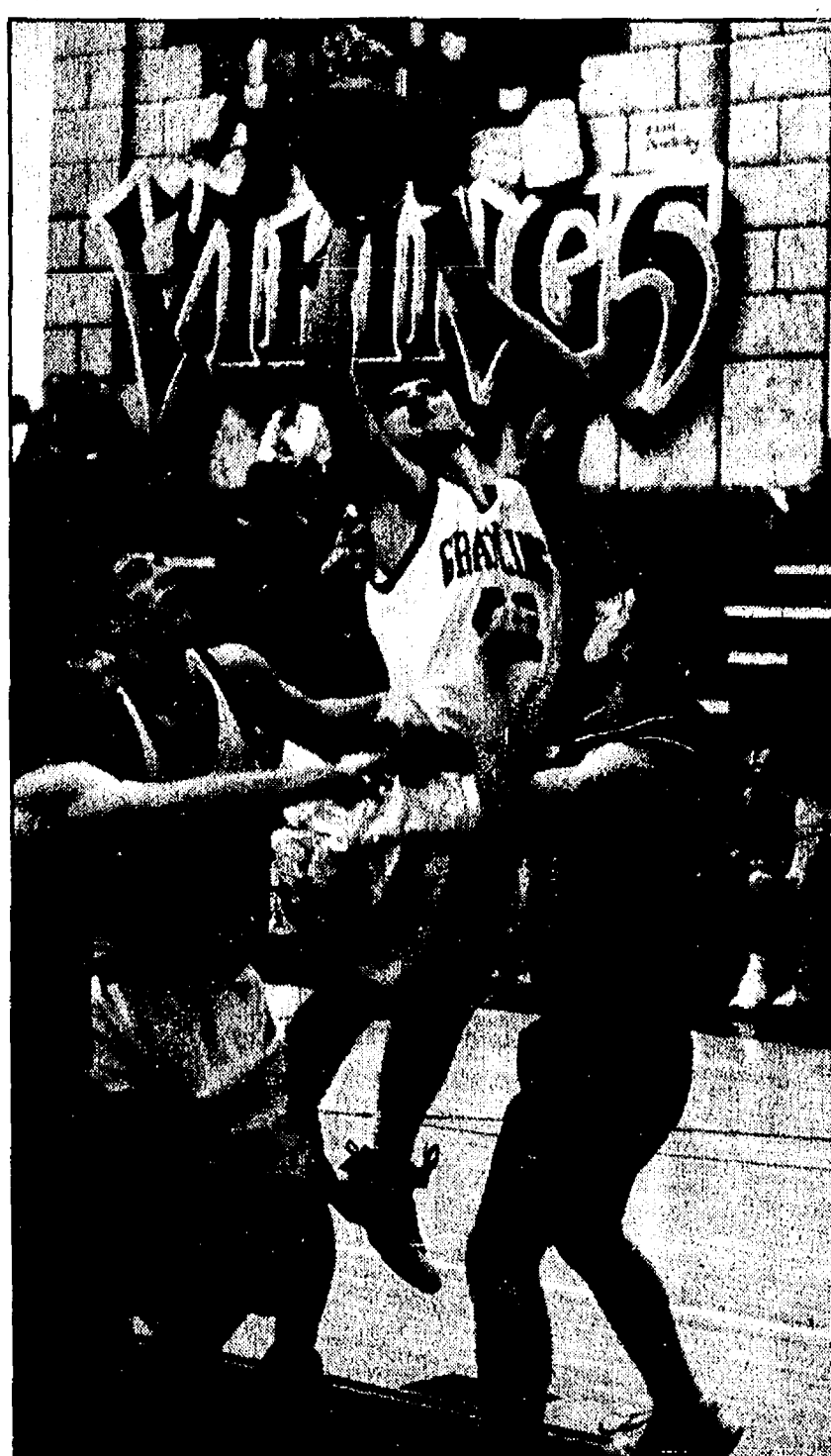
early with their defensive intensity and our team fed off the energy. Bobby Starks provided us with his best minutes of the

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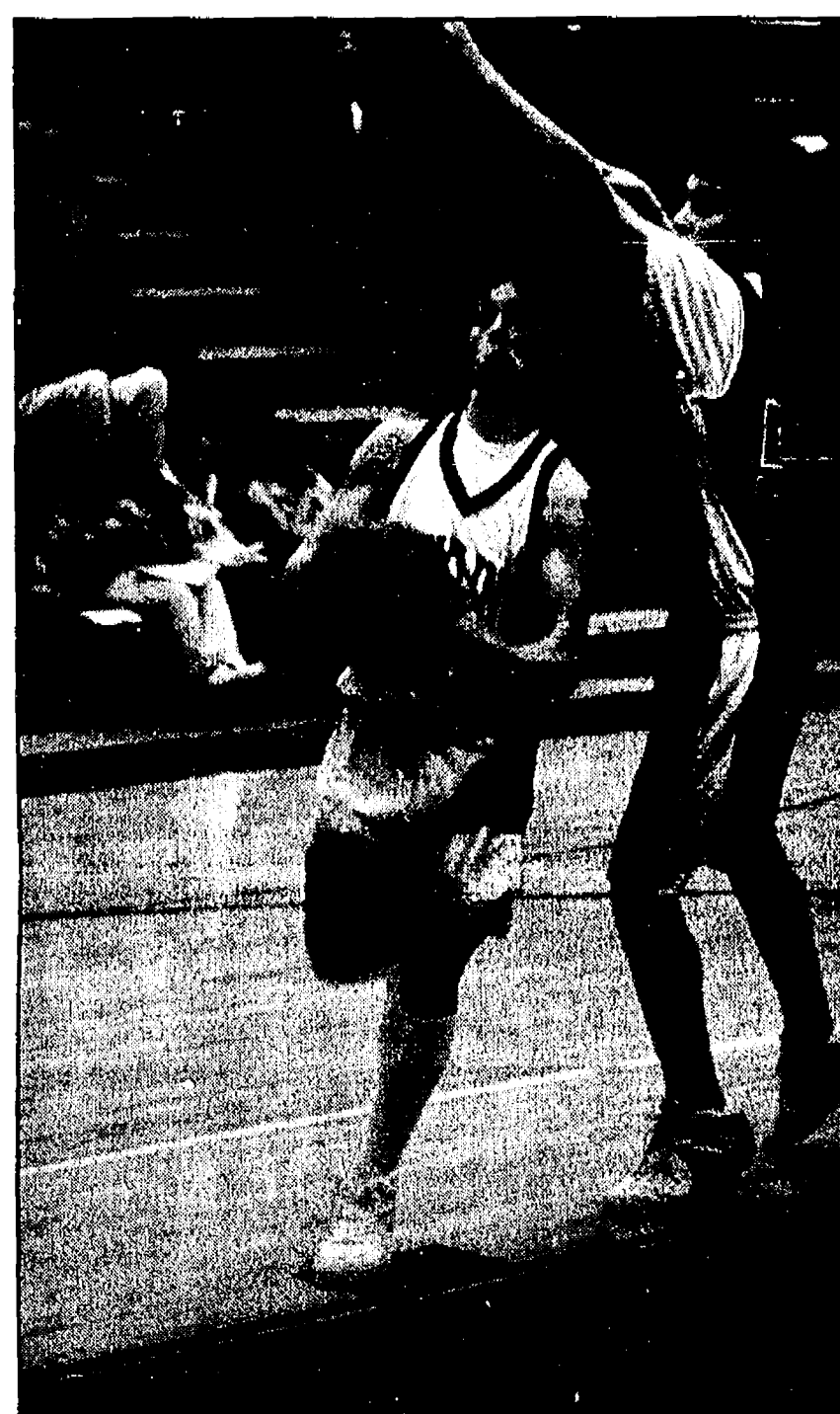
See "VIKINGS SWEEP..."



Zac Baker looks to shoot for Grayling from underneath the basket in last Friday's varsity game vs. the East Jordan Red Devils.



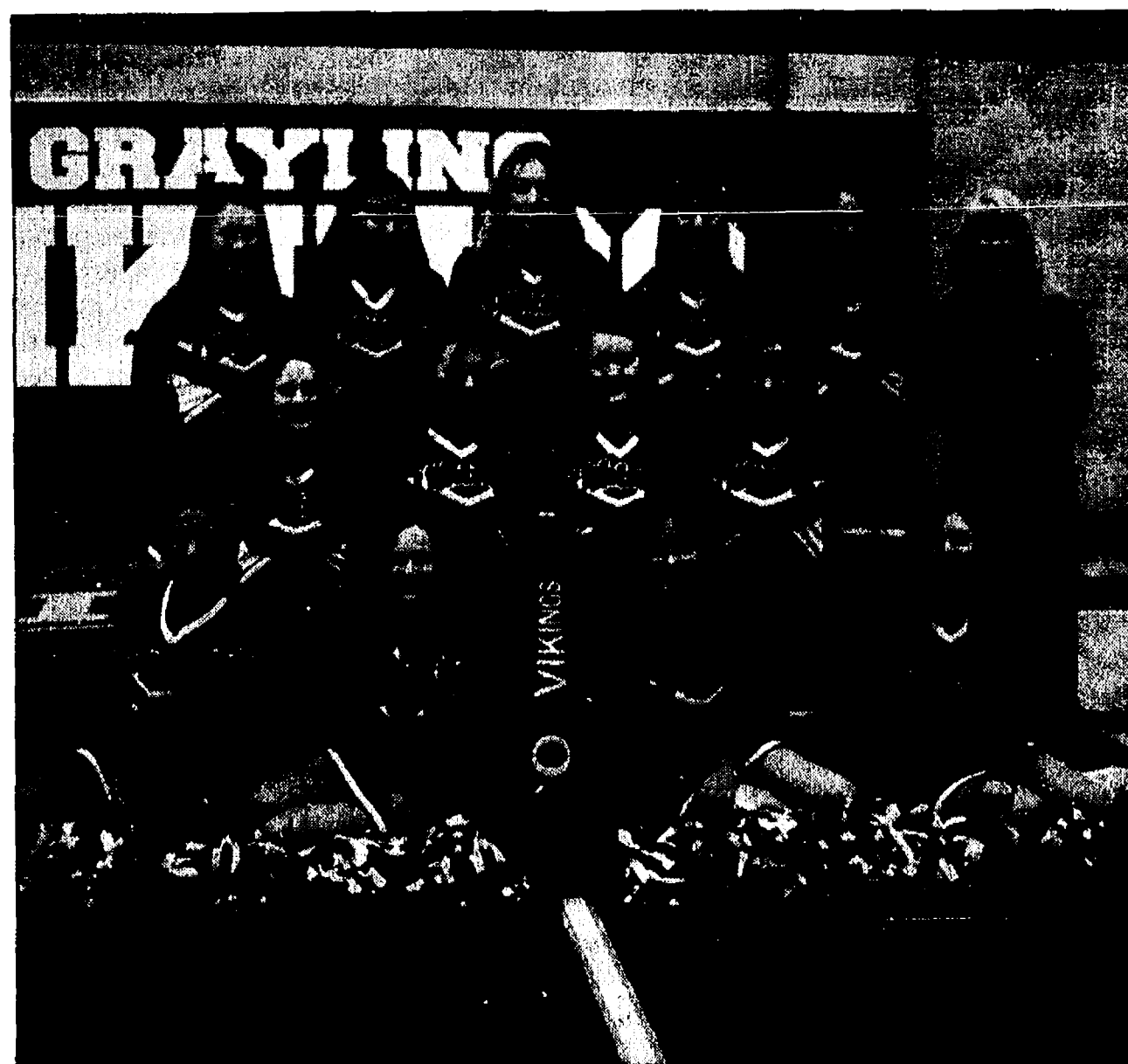
Ryan Cooper goes up for an inside shot in last week's junior varsity contest against East Jordan. For more on the JV team, see Page 4B.



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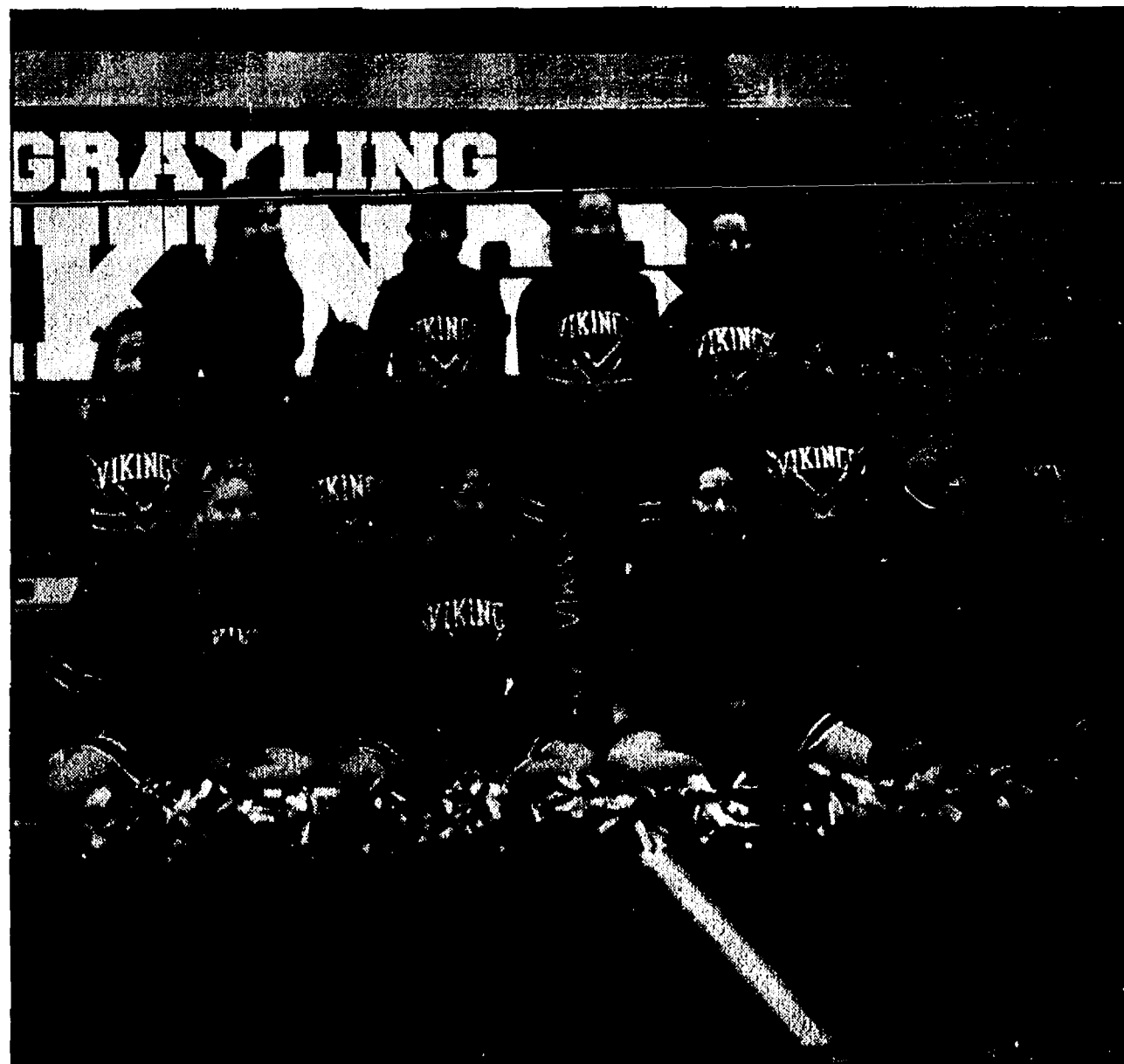
Lucas Pippin drives to the basket for Grayling in Friday night's freshman game vs. the Red Devils. For more on the freshman team, see Page 4B.

### 2004-05 Varsity Cheerleading Team



The 2004-05 varsity cheerleading team: (front, L to R) Jamie Pinkelman, Rachel Brunell, Erica Parker, Ashley Prosser; (middle, L to R) Kristy Cummings, Justine Tozer, Shantina Jacobs, Brittney Howard; (back, L to R) Amanda Moran, Melissa McDaniel, Arica Hart, Sarah Lange, Angie Martella, Coach Sherri Howard.

### 2004-05 JV Cheerleading Team



The 2004-05 junior varsity cheerleading team: (front, L to R) Brittany Danner, Jordyn Nadeau, Kristina Weiso, Stephanie Gaff; (middle, L to R) Arica Hart, Chelsea Newberry, Krista Lile, Amanda Theolet; (back, L to R) Coach Penny Podjaske, Danielle Lighthall, Jessica Riddle, Britny Schwartz. Not pictured: Jennifer MacIntyre.



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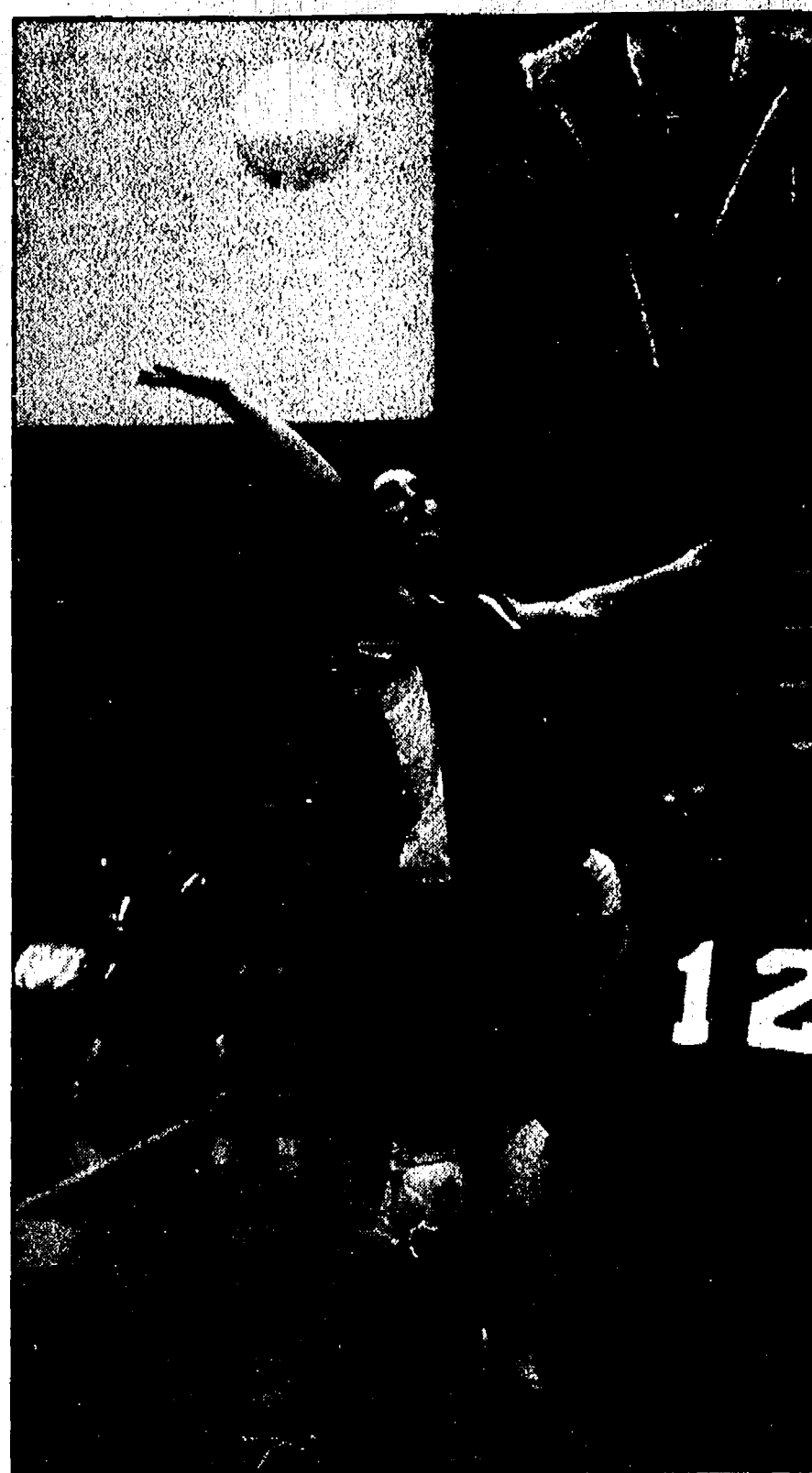
# Varsity Vikings fall to Blazers



Angeanette Lovely hits a ball from the back row in last Monday's Grayling vs. Kalkaska varsity volleyball series. Kalkaska won the meet 25-23, 25-17, 26-24.



Chelsea Papendick keeps the ball alive for Grayling.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Alyssa Farrell goes up for a shot at the net in Monday night's varsity meet against Kalkaska.

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# Ski team opens season with league meet

**Boys team places second out of seven teams at Nubs Nob**

Grayling High School's ski

team opened its 2005 season with a Lake Michigan Conference meet last Thursday at Nubs Nob. The boys' squad finished second and the girls team placed fifth out of seven league schools.

The GHS girls squad was led by seniors Mallory Olson and Kassie McClain. Olson placed 7th in slalom and 14th in giant slalom (GS) for the team's low-

est points score, 21. McClain finished 11th in slalom and 16th in GS for 27 points. Katie Baynham had the best GS run for Grayling (12th) but lost a ski in slalom and was disqualified. Erica Moggo placed 19th in GS and did not finish the slalom event after a fall and a long slide down the frozen, slippery snow. "Freshmen Gabby Calkins and Cassie Pizzi opened their high school skiing careers very well, placing 23rd and 25th in the giant slalom. Lack of slalom training at Hanson Hills hurt their ability to handle the very difficult slalom courses," Coach Mike Wieland said.

Harbor Springs, defending league champions and runner-up in the state finals last year, won the tough boys competition. Grayling finished second, ahead of Traverse City St. Francis, Elk Rapids, Boyne City, and Charlevoix/East Jordan.

The top skier for Grayling's boys team was Trevor Clough, who placed 5th in slalom and 6th in GS for 11 points. Jim Jansen placed 9th in slalom and 17th in GS. Adam Gilbert was 11th in slalom and 18th in GS. Pat McNally looked like he was in 7th place in slalom until after his second run, which was the fastest on the team, when a disqualification was posted on his first run and was upheld after a jury meeting. McNally placed 16th in GS. Jon Handy lost a ski in slalom and was disqualified and placed 19th in GS. Andrew Hart took 17th in slalom and Jim Hilbrecht finished 29th in GS.

## Paul Olson

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### Viking of the Week

**Skiing**  
Coach: Mike Wieland  
**TREVOR CLOUGH & MALLORY OLSON**

Mallory (not pictured) led the girls team with a 7th place finish in slalom and 14th in giant slalom. Trevor took 5th in slalom and 6th in GS to lead the boys team to a 2nd place finish in last Thursday's league meet.

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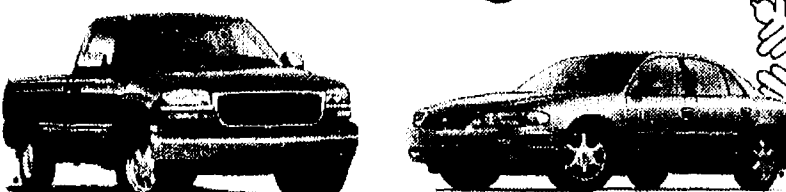
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## JV team defeats East Jordan 62-53

### ■ GHS Vikings outscore Red Devils 19-14 in the fourth quarter

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team defeated the Red Devils of East Jordan 62-53 in Grayling last Friday.

The Vikings led 16-13 after one quarter and had a 35-26 advantage at halftime. Grayling took a 43-39 lead into the fourth quarter. East Jordan tied the

game with 4:00 left in the fourth period, but the Vikings pulled away down the stretch. For GHS, Rocky McNamara and Nick Parkinson each scored five points in the last half of the fourth quarter to help fuel Grayling's stretch run.

"The team played their best game so far. They scored a team-high 62 points, had a team-low 19 turnovers, and played with great poise in the final quarter. Our kids simply didn't want to lose," Coach Chris Kucharek

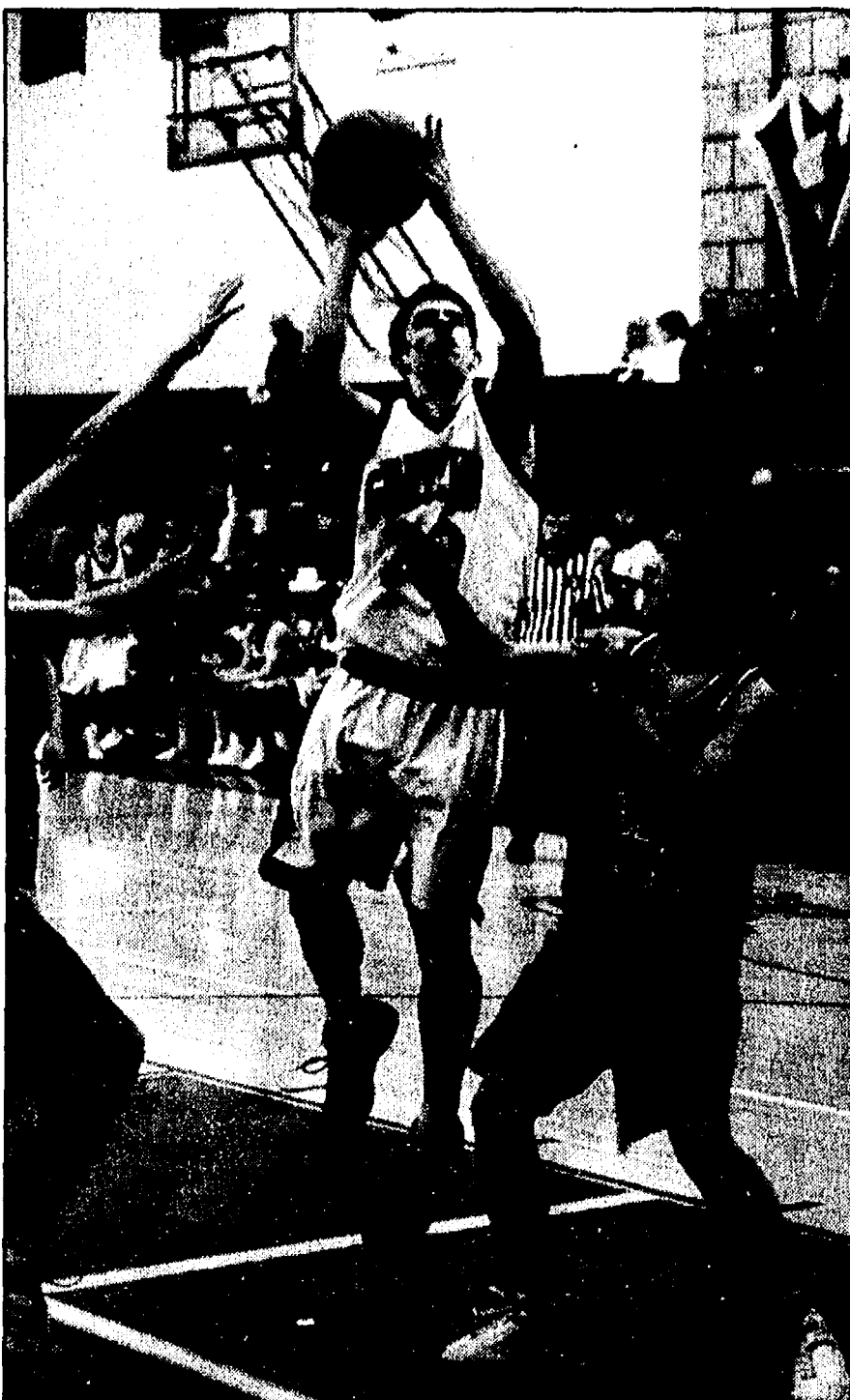
said. "The entire team made great decisions, played tough defense, and hit key free throws down the stretch."

Parkinson (17), McNamara (15), and Ryan Cooper (13) were

the leading scorers for the Vikings.

On Tuesday, Grayling lost a road game at Charlevoix 65-16.

The Vikings will host Elk Rapids on Friday, January 21.



Photos by Caleb Casey  
Nick Parkinson goes up for an inside shot in Friday night's JV game vs. East Jordan.



Jason Drudge drives to the basket for Grayling.



Patrick Belcher handles the ball for the Vikings.

## 9th graders win vs. Red Devils 54-43

### ■ Grayling posts 7-0 run in final two minutes to help seal the victory

Grayling High School won last Friday's freshman boys basketball home game vs. East Jordan 54-43 with help from a 7-0 run late in the fourth quarter.

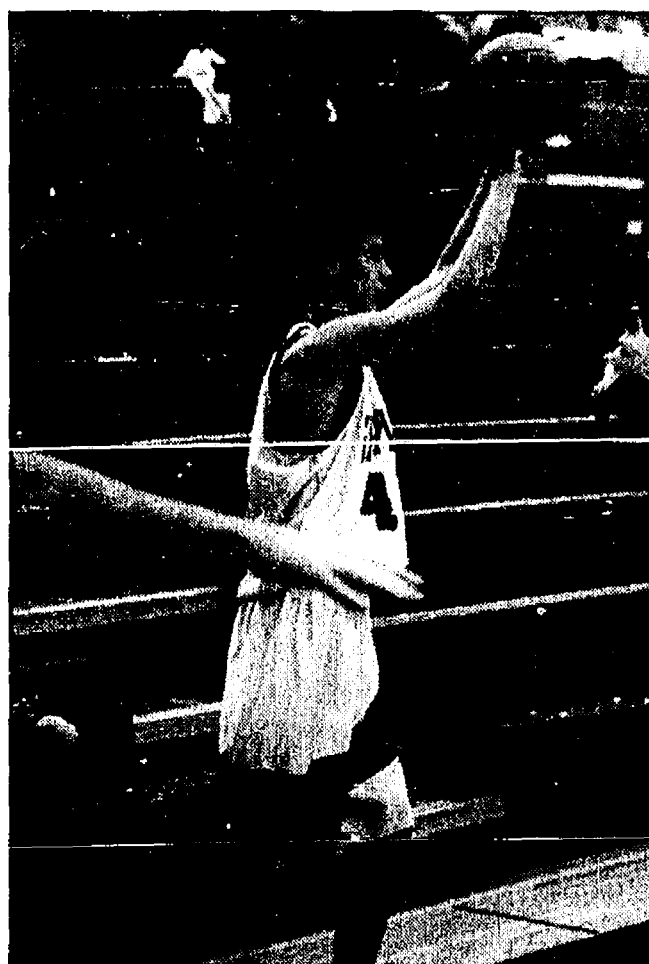
The Vikings had a 20-11 lead after one quarter and led 31-16 at halftime.

Grayling took a 41-30 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Late in the fourth period, East Jordan pulled within four. Grayling then scored seven unanswered points -- all on free throw shots (7 of 8) -- to lead by 11, 52-41, with 26 seconds left in

the contest. The 7-0 run included free throw shots by Richard Schreiber (2 for 2), Josh Stapleton (2 for 2), and Matt McDonald (3 for 4).

On Friday, January 21, the Vikings will host Elk Rapids at 4:15 p.m.



Andy Curriston passes the ball in bounds in last Friday's freshman game.



Josh Stapleton dribbles the ball for Grayling on Friday night.

## POOL LEAGUE

Men's Standings	Sawmill #2	.....20
Two Track Inn #1	Growlers Pub	.....18
Legion	Frederic Inn	.....18

Sawmill #1	.....17
Riverside	.....15
Two Track Inn #2	.....8

Lords of the Table - 8 Ball Run: Mark J. (Legion), Ray and Kevin (Two Track Inn), Scott C. and John W. (Growlers). Won all 6 games, Mark and Kevin (Two Track Inn). 8 Ball Run on break: Doc (Sawmill #1), Cal (Sawmill #2).

### Women's Standings

Holiday Inn	.....119
Frederic Inn	.....118
Growlers Pub	.....103
Legion	.....102
Sawmill(1)	.....98
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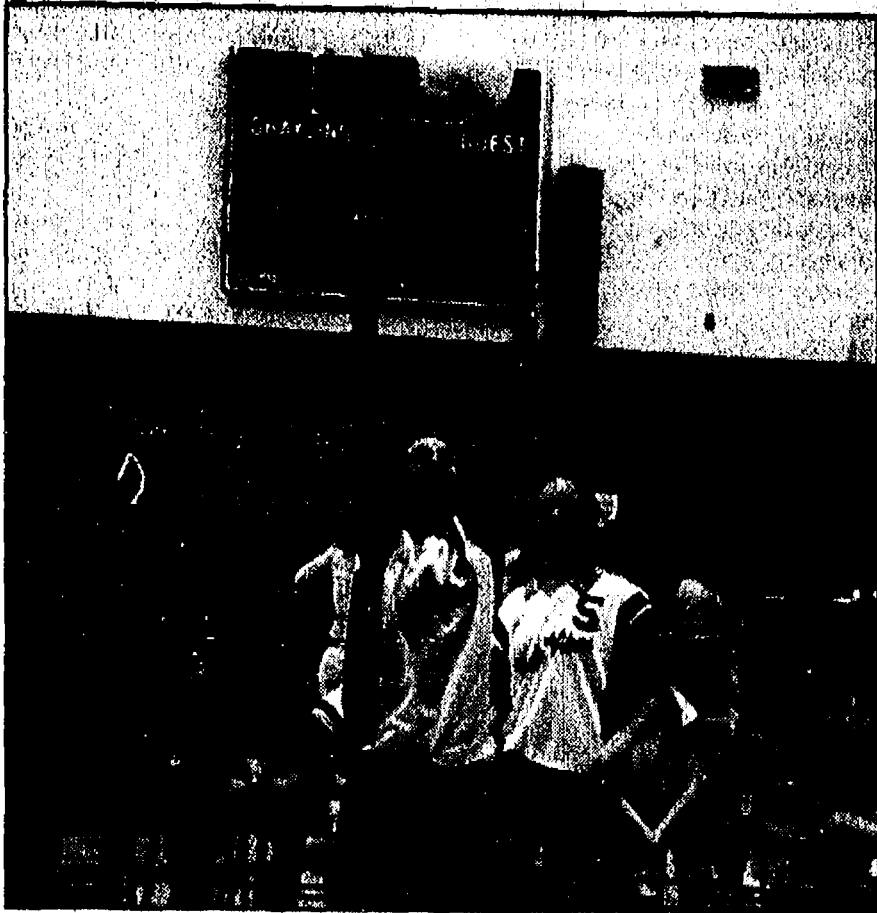
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## Kalkaska wins junior varsity series



Mallory Johnson sets a ball for Grayling in last Monday's JV volleyball series vs. Kalkaska. The Blazers won the best-of-three meet 2-0.



Abby Wheeler hits a ball for GHS from the front row in Monday night's match against the Blazers.

Photos by Caleb Casey

## Freshman team defeats Blazers

The GHS freshman girls volleyball team posted a 2-1 series victory vs. Kalkaska last Monday at Grayling High School.

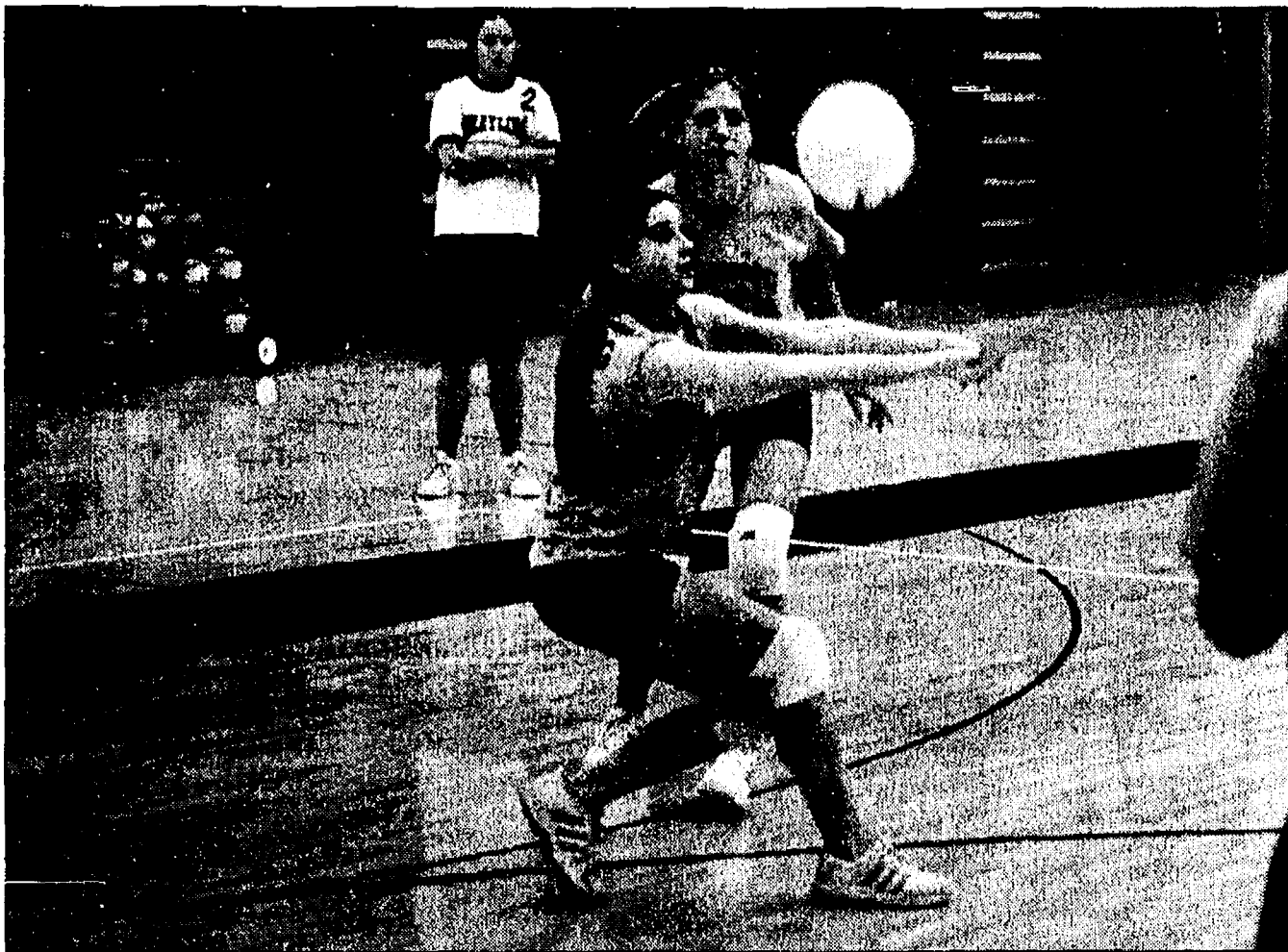
The Vikings won 25-7, 25-18 and lost the third game 25-20.

For Grayling, Tiffany Davis, Rachel Doremire, Shentele Apps, and Rachel Ward all had at least eight serves in a row during the series.

"The girls came off a long break ready to work hard. They came together as a team, communicated on the court, and went for every ball," Coach Samara Sabin said.

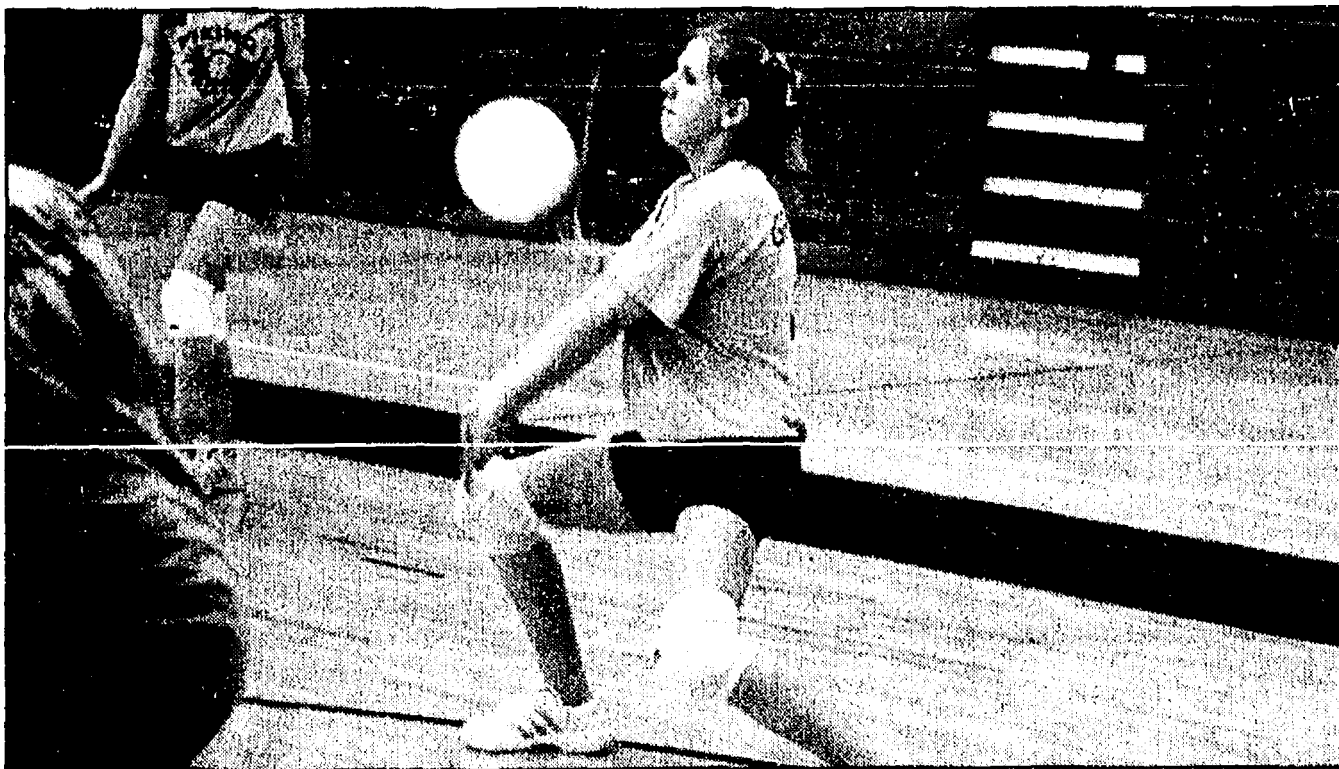
The Vikings play at Elk Rapids on Thursday, January 27.

After that, their next three meets are also on the road.



Rachel Ward hits the ball for Grayling in last Monday's freshman volleyball meet vs. Kalkaska.

Photos by Caleb Casey



Jamie Hagerman handles a serve for the Vikings on Monday.

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 46<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738  
FRANK J. DEPA and MARGARET  
M. DEPA,  
husband and wife,  
Plaintiffs,  
Case No.:04-6357-CH

ROYAL HAIGHT,  
Defendant.  
ROBERTA ECKERT CHRISPELL,  
P46479  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
3225 W. Houghton Lake Dr.  
Houghton Lake, MI 48629  
(989)366-8177

#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain land contract made on the date of July 27, 1995, by Royal Haight, as Purchaser, to Frank J. Depa

and Margaret M. Depa, husband and wife, as Sellers, upon which land contract there is claim to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and One Cent (\$5,312.01), plus other allowable costs including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes, and insurance;

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said land contract and the power of sale being contained in said land contract having become operative by reason of such default;

NOW THEREFORE, notice is being given that on the 24th day of February, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said land contract with interest thereon at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said land contract. The land and the premises described in said land contract are located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, all being in section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the East side for road purposes. Commonly known as: Route 1, Box 1743-E, Grayling, MI 49738

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, and any fees, taxes, or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of sale.

The property is occupied as one parcel and must be sold as one parcel.

Roberta Eckert-Chrispell P46479  
Attorney for Frank J. Depa and Margaret M. Depa  
3225 W. Houghton Lake Dr.  
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### Decedent's Estate

File No. 04-6933-DE  
Estate of David Paul Lown, deceased  
Date of birth: 2/6/54  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
The decedent, David Paul Lown, who lived at 400 Ingham, Grayling, Michigan died 10/1/2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Glen James Zelly, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 1-12-05  
Glen James Zelly  
400 Ingham  
Grayling, MI 49738  
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ROUCHELL CHILDRESS,  
Plaintiff  
v.  
RUTH WARE and GARY GUNNELS

Defendants  
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.  
By: Kyle T. Legel (P59523)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-5232

NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT  
FORECLOSURE BY SALE CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 3rd day of December 2004, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 28th day of January 2005 at 10:00 in the forenoon the following described property, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and more particularly described as follows:

The North 1/2 of West 1/2 of East 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4, Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, including a 1979 14x70 Academy Mobile Home, Serial No. 053341SM 14x70.

Dated: December 10, 2004  
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## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Covenant Capital, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, P.O. Box 814, Cadillac, MI 49601, Mortgagee to Scott Day and Cleo Day, husband and wife, 2239 Parma, Grayling, MI 49738, said mortgage, dated February 24, 2000, and recorded on March 14, 2000 in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan in Liber 503 Page 272, Crawford County records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date stated below, for principal and interest, the sum of Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 (\$14,800) Dollars, including interest accruing at the rate of 10.25% Per Cent per annum. No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debts secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. (1 week after 4 weeks publication) at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder of the premises legally described in said mortgage as: The redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale as the mortgagee has determined that the property has been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241A, except that if the mortgagor provides notice of the fact that the

property has not been abandoned pursuant to the statute, then the period of redemption shall be 6 months from the date of the foreclosure sale.  
Dated: 12-29-04  
Attorneys: Bloomquist & Associates, P.L.L.C.  
Todd H. Nye  
P.O. Box 708  
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## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

GARY & SANDRA CUSTER, Husband and Wife  
Plaintiff  
v.  
RICHARD & TRACEY AARDEMA, Husband and Wife  
Defendants  
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.  
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Grayling, MI 49738  
989 348-5232

NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT FORECLOSURE BY SALE CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 8th day of November 2004, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 28th day of January 2005 at 10:00 in the forenoon the following described property, situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 3: Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence § 88°00'E, 662.4 feet to point of Beginning; thence N1°46'E, 331.2 feet; thence §87°51'E, 333.19 feet; thence §32°W along 1/4 line, 331.0 feet; thence N87°54'W, 334.53 feet to Point of Beginning  
Dated: December 13, 2004  
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald L. Trojanek and Laura Trojanek, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Encore Credit Corp., a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 28, 2003, and recorded on June 17, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 149, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$93,178.00), including interest at 8.115% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be fore-

closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County Building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 2, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Original Plat of Village of Grayling, now City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.  
Dated: December 30, 2004  
For more information, please call: FCH 248.593.1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2004-HE3  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #043783F01

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy G. Blackmer and Janice D. Blackmer, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2002, and recorded on March 20, 2002 in Liber 573 on Page 604, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Federal National Mortgage Association as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three And 09/100 Dollars (\$215,423.09), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County Building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 9, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Plat of Greenacre Subdivision, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 40, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 6, 2005  
For more information, please call: FCR 248.593.1305  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Federal National Mortgage Association  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #043395F01

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In

such event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Debra A. Legg, a single woman, Mortgagee, of 11538 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, to Chemical Bank West, a Michigan banking corporation, of 115 Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601, Mortgagee, dated August 20, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on August 21, 2001, in Liber 550 at Pages 005 through 019, inclusive, of the Crawford County Records, and assigned to Chemical Bank and Trust Company, a Michigan banking corporation, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage which was dated August 20, 2001 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford on August 21, 2001 in Liber 550, at pages 020 through 021, inclusive, of the Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late fees, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-eight and Forty Hundredths Dollars (\$26,728.40).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, in the Grayling, State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as foreclosed, on said mortgage with interest thereon at Six and Seventy-five Hundredths percent (6.75%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the Mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, are commonly known as 11538 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, and are more particularly described as follows: The South 43 feet of the North 215 feet of the East 133 Feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, section 31, T25N, R4W.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following such sale.

Dated: January 12, 2005  
Jonathan E. Lauderback (P51313)  
Currie Kendall, PLC  
6024 Eastman Avenue  
Midland, Michigan 48640  
(989) 839-0300  
Attorneys for Chemical Bank and Trust Company, assignee of Chemical Bank West

## Foreclosure Notice

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Alice M. Sheldon, an Unmarried Woman to Hamilton Mortgage Company, an Arizona Corporation Mortgagee, dated May 6, 2002, and

recorded May 14, 2002 in Liber 581 Page 359, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee, by assignment dated May 10, 2002 and recorded February 11, 2003 in Liber 619, Page 438 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Three Hundred Five Dollars and Seven Cents (\$76,305.07) including interest 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, MI at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday February 23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of Lots 11 and 12, Block 10, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 301 Elm Street, Grayling, MI 49738  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 12, 2005  
JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee, Assignee of Mortgagee  
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd. Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
File# 04-30916

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald L. Trojanek and Laura L. Trojanek, husband and wife, to FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2002, and recorded on November 8, 2002 in Liber 606 on Page 235, CRAWFORD county records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC., by an assignment dated December 1, 2004, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three And 19/100 Dollars (\$74,733.19), including interest at 7.625% per annum with adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building Grayling, MI at 10:00 AM, on February 23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as: LOT 5, WOODHURST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 05 OF PLATS, PAGE 05, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 20, 2005  
ATTORNEY FOR:  
Assignee of Mortgagee  
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodward Avenue  
Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616  
For Information please call:  
(248) 540-7701  
NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES, INC.  
Assignee of Mortgagee

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

A public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Lovells Township Zoning ordinance will be conducted by the Zoning Board on Thursday, February 10, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall located at 8405 Twin Bridge Road. The content of the proposed amendment concerns the addition of certain Green Belt District regulations to Commercial & Business District properties on the AuSable River. The full text may be viewed by contacting the Township Supervisor (989-348-9215) during regular business hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed amendment. Written comments may be addressed to: Lovells Township Zoning Board, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 and should be received prior to the hearing.

Fred Schably, Lovells Township Supervisor  
Dan Alstott, Lovells Township Zoning Board Chair

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ATTN. PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christine Timmony, An Adult Woman and Jason Fik, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2003, and recorded on April 21, 2003 in Liber 629 on Page 315, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Four And 08/100 Dollars. (\$49,974.08), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County Building in Grayling at 10:00 a.m., on February 23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: East 1/2 of Lots of 5 and 6, Block 22, of original Plat of the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, State of Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof Recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 20, 2005  
For more information, please call: FCF 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
(989) 839-0300  
Attorneys for Independent Bank f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord  
30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File# 045501F01

## Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Robin J. Meyer and Karen L. Brausa, a single man and a single woman, to First National Bank of America, dated August 4, 2003 and recorded on September 29, 2003 in Liber 654 page 93, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$30,471.32.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 14 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

The North 1/2 of the following described parcel 12: beginning at the West 1/4 corner of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; thence North 0°15'03" East along section line 662.45 feet; thence South 89°15'17" East 659.00 feet; thence South 0°15'03" West 661.3 feet; thence North 89°21'15" West along 1/4 line 658.99 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, including a 1975 Colanade Mobile Home (Serial #N7087).

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.

Date: January 6, 2005

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794, East Lansing, MI 48826  
517-337-1617

## CRAWFORD COUNTY GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/BUILDING AUTHORITY POSITIONS

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications one position each:

Building Authority  
Grayling Recreation Authority  
Zoning Board of Appeals

Applicants are required to be county residents. The Building Authority member must have a genuine interest in all buildings and properties belonging to the county. The Authority is incorporated for the purpose of acquiring, furnishing, equipping, owning, improving, enlarging, operating and/or maintaining a county courthouse, jail and/or other buildings, parking lots and necessary structures for Crawford County.

The GRA member will help facilitate parks and recreation services in Crawford County as well as to operate and maintain Hanson Hills Recreation Area and Winter Sports Park and the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

The Zoning Board of Appeals must be able to hear and decide appeals from, and review any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the County Board, Planning and Zoning Commission through a variance hearing.

Application can be obtained from and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore by Friday, January 28, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. or may be obtained online thru [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) and returned to Crawford County Clerk 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

## 2005 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT THE ROAD COMMISSION OFFICE 10:00A.M.

January 12, 2005	July 14, 2005
January 27, 2005	July 28, 2005
February 10, 2005	August 11, 2005
February 24, 2005	August 25, 2005
March 10, 2005	September 8, 2005
March 24, 2005	September 22, 2005
April 7, 2005	October 6, 2005
April 21, 2005	October 20, 2005
May 5, 2005	November 3, 2005
May 19, 2005	November 17, 2005
June 2, 2005	December 1, 2005
June 16, 2005	December 15, 2005
June 30, 2005	December 29, 2005

For: Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner  
ADOPTED: 12-16-04

# PUBLIC NOTICE

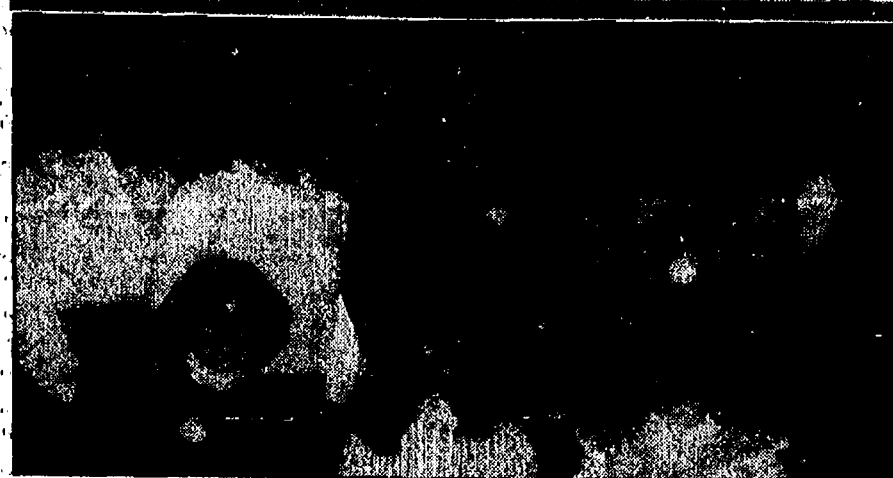
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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**January 21, 1982** - Eight contestants compete for Miss Grayling. Shown (l to r) back row: Dawn Gabriel, Shelly Belfour, Brenda Petrosky, Chelle Warners and Mika Fijolek. front row: Pam Gorten, Donelle Bentley and Jackie Hale.

**23 Years Ago**

**January 21, 1982**

Grayling Township moved a step closer to building a township hall by hiring an architectural firm to draw construction plans. The new building, 40 by 115 feet, has an estimated \$176,000 price tag on it. The township, which grew from 6,500 persons in 1970 to 9,700 in 1980, currently rents three offices in the Grayling City Hall.

The Mercy Hospital Employee of the Month for January is Jeri Golnick, Personnel Secretary. She will have lunch with sister Mary Hilda, R.S.M. President and Chief Executive Officer. Golnick has worked at Mercy Hospital since 1967.

The Grayling High School team skied away with the meet at Shanty Creek against four teams. In the giant slalom the boys team took six out of the top seven places with Terry Norman plac-

ing first. David Burr finished second behind Terry Norman, Jerry Norman took third, Bill Martella fifth, John Huss sixth, and Grant Thomas seventh. Terry Norman led Grayling taking third in the slalom, Thomas took sixth, Jerry Norman took eighth, Huss 10th, Bill Martella, 17th and David Martella 19th. The Grayling girls team also jumped off to a fast start in the giant slalom taking a 19 to 25 advantage over Boyne City with Karen Reynolds first place finish. Heidi Bendig took fifth, Kris Laudenslager took sixth, Melissa McIvers placed seventh, Kris Casler ninth and Lisa Solomonson 21st. In slalom, Reynolds placed first again, Laudenslager was sixth, Casler eighth, Bendig 25th.

Grayling wrestler, Tim Ferrigan, upped his record to 25-1 last weekend with a first place finish at the Clare Tournament.

Ferrigan has helped the Vikings to a 7th ranking in Class C this year.

Grayling, buried under heavy snowstorms on New Years weekend and the following weekend, got help digging out of the white stuff from a nine-man work crew from Camp Lehman. For three days last week after the last snowstorm, the Lehman work crew shoveled out crosswalks in Grayling and fire hydrants.

On January 13 the weather reported from Chuck Fick showed 27.5 inches of snow on the ground. On January 16 the high temperature was 0 and low temperature was -18.

**46 Years Ago**

**January 22, 1959**

Kay Warner, 1959 Miss Grayling, receives her crown from the hands of Robert Dodge of Roscommon, regional parks supervisor of the Michigan Conservation Department.

The Northern Lights won a fast and furious game against the Top 'O Michigan squad at Gaylord by a slim margin of one point.

**69 Years Ago**

**January 23, 1936**

Fire resulted last Thursday evening at the home of T.P. Peterson, when an electric flat-iron was accidentally left attached. The family left home shortly after and they found the house full of smoke and the ironing board had burned and it in turn had caught the floor. The fire department was called and the flames soon extinguished.

The American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps, having passed over its first year since the forma-

tion of this organization, the general feeling is that the past year has been very successful. Comrade Clarence Johanson brought before the American Legion the need of a Drum and Bugle Corps and on December 10, 1934, it was decided to lay the foundation for this corps and the instruments were then purchased. Nearly \$800 being spent on the best instruments.

Because there is at least one case of scarlet fever at the camp hospital, Camp Higgins, Co. 672, is temporarily under quarantine.

Miss Anita Lozon, daughter of Robert Lozon of Frederic and Mrs. Violet Ferrell, also of Frederic escaped from the million dollar fire which swept the Tuller Hotel in Detroit last Saturday.

Carl's Beauty Shop will be moving on January 24 to their new shop in the Up-State Shopping Center, South on US-27, next to the B. and C. Supermarket.

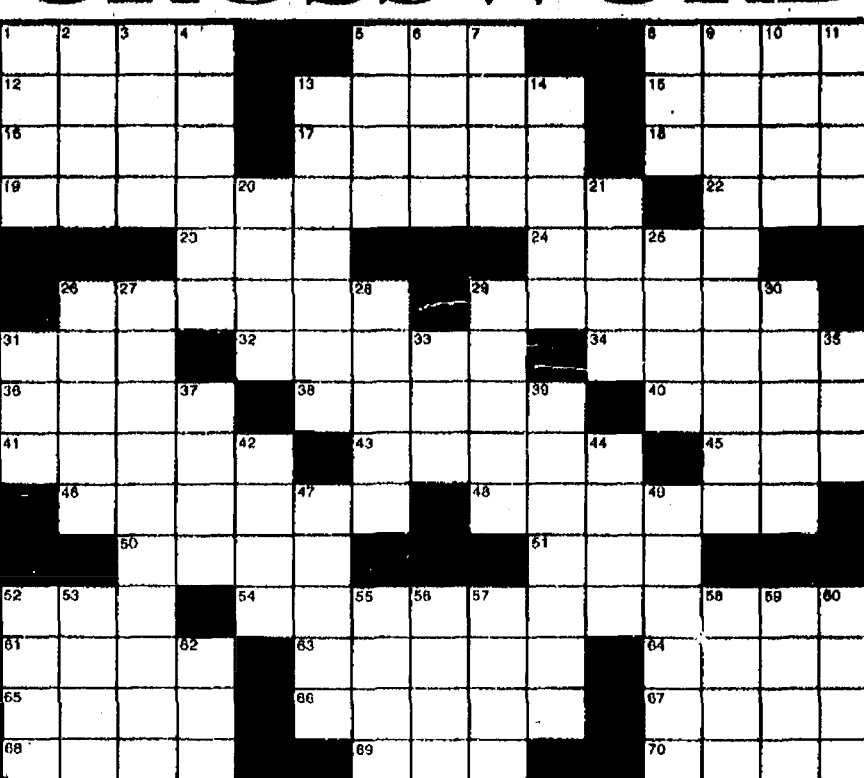
**92 Years Ago**

**January 23, 1913**

The Danish Young Peoples society elected their new officers for this year at their weekly last Thursday evening. The following were elected: President, Thorwald Peterson; vice-president, Miss Johnson Hanson; treasurer, Miss Anna Nelson; secretary, Holger Henningsen; library keeper, Miss Ella Levarious. After election of officers, a banquet was held.

The city phone at Frederic will be doing business this Wednesday, about 48 having been put in so far.

## CROSSWORD



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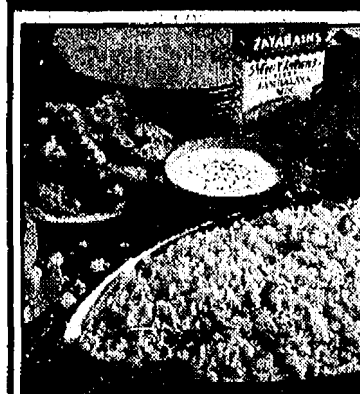
1. Mark time with a baton.
5. Fasten with a rope.
8. Also called "ansate cross."
12. Irritating skin sensation causing a desire to scratch.
13. One ranking before all others.
15. Lapperson.
16. Acronym for Western Australian University Regiment.
17. Variant of "achene."
18. Acronym for Advanced Technology Innovation Center.
19. Destroy treacherously.
22. Acronym for International Nanoplankton Association.
23. Be quiet.
24. Luminous ring around heads of sacred figures.
26. Joint heir to an estate.
29. Move upward.
31. Make a mistake.
32. Be undecided about.
34. Turned to the left.
36. Slang for "insane."
38. First sylvan C++ developers community Web site.
40. Correct pitch.
41. In no way; not at all.
43. Adil, singer of Ahebbak Ya Ba'Ed Omri.
45. Unit of eight to 10 Cub scouts.
46. Compounds that are both in ketone and an alcoholic ketolic.
48. Pulled in quick jerks.
50. Japanese form of wrestling.
51. Acronym for Estimated Hourly Output.
52. Expression of annoyance.
54. Low lying alluvial lands adjacent to a river.
61. Acronym for American Nostalgia Racing Association.
63. Coffee mixed with chocolate flavoring.
64. Containing little fat.
65. Crust covering a wound.
66. Euphoria, rock band whose 2003 album was *Instinct & Obsession*.
67. Axlike tool used for shaping wood.
68. Touch lightly.
69. Acronym for Doppler Air Alignment.
70. Acronym for Special Carrying and Extrication Device.

### DOWN

1. Lake in southern Honshu, Japan.
2. Acronym for Effective True Airspeed.
3. Rarely used term for "needle."
4. Defeat utterly.
5. Wooden image of a Polynesian god.
6. Acronym for Iowa Research and Education Network.
7. Acronym for Empire State Numismatic Association.
8. Flat, winglike anatomic part.
9. Throughout the whole nation.
10. Kirish, mountain in northeastern Prizaisanya.
11. Acronym for Horseless Carriage Club of America.
13. Style characteristic of the social elite.
14. Plural of the ninth letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
20. Large, low structure often open on all sides.
21. One of two or more considered individually.
25. Act impulsively.
26. One who makes a living by dishonest methods.
27. Large groups of musicians who play together.
28. Senator Bob ... founding member of the Dutch Asbestos Victims Group.
29. Collection of maps.
30. Deceived an opponent in ice hockey by faking.
31. Acronym for Electronic Library Network.
33. Acronym for Bulldogs with Attitude.
35. Shelter for a wild animal.
37. Rapanui for "to be cooked."
39. Movie theaters.
42. Place where something is generated.
44. Roald ... author of James and the Giant Poach.
47. Apparatuses for making thread into cloth.
49. Aboreal Australian marsupials.
52. Difficult undertaking.
53. Plural of uncus.
55. Hooded lizard.
56. Acronym for Texas Choral Directors Association.
57. Songs: ... CD by Jason Molina.
58. Acronym for Network Engineering Data Communications.
59. Bewildered condition.
60. Lop.
62. Abdominal muscles.

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



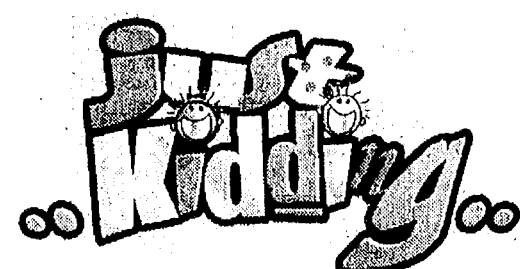
## CARNIVAL JAMBALAYA

- 2 8-oz. boxes of New Orleans Style Jambalaya Mix
- 4 1/2 Tbsp vegetable oil (optional)
- 5 cups water
- 1 pound smoked sausage

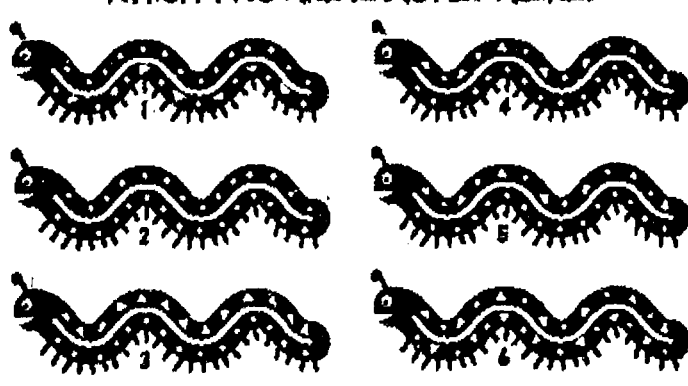
In a 5-quart saucepan, combine 5 cups of water, 4 tablespoons vegetable oil (optional) and bring to a boil. Add Zatarain's Jambalaya Mix and meat. Return mixture to a boil. Reduce heat, stir, cover, and simmer over low heat for 25 minutes. Remove from heat, let stand for 5 minutes. Fluff and serve.

- 1 sliced 1/4 inch thick pound cooked chicken breasts (about 4 medium) cubed

The cooked Jambalaya may be garnished with thinly sliced scallions. Other options include adding cooked shrimp or ham cut into bite-size pieces. Recipe makes about ten 1-cup servings.



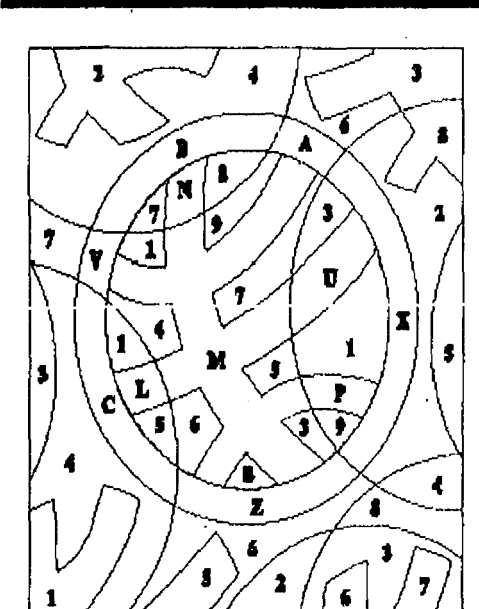
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Dianna is a spayed female english setter. She is very friendly and gets along with other dogs. She has all of her vaccinations and has been heartworm tested. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.asec.petfinder.com](http://www.asec.petfinder.com)

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Dixie at 348-4117 or 348-9178

More Dog Opoly and other board games (\$25) are on order and will be available at The Copy Shop soon! Calendars (\$5) and cookbooks (\$15) available at the Avalanche. All proceeds to the shelter.

Help build a new shelter by purchasing a "Driving into the Future Raffle" ticket for a chance to win a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Anyone who would like a ticket should send a check or money order for the amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter Crawford County, Raffle Tickets, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets are also on sale at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe Chemical Bank and the shelter. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

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## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 20, 2005



**CAPRICORN**

December 22- January 19

Romance moves front and center. Do something nice for your special someone and show them how much you care. An old friend drops by for a visit.



**ARIES**

March 21- April 19

Hooray, Aries! You finally get what you were longing for. Be grateful and don't give it another thought. It's not nice to look a gift horse in the mouth.



**CANCER**

June 22- July 22

The only thing that will get you through this week is sheer willpower. Take some time to yourself to rejuvenate. See a movie or curl up with a good book.



**LIBRA**

September 23- October 22

A friend faces a health crisis but refuses to discuss it. Muster up the courage and ask them what you can do to help. The rumor mill at the office settles down.



**AQUARIUS**

January 20- February 18

Stop dragging your feet, Aquarius. You can't skirt an issue at home any longer. Do something about it now before it turns into complete chaos.



**TAURUS**

April 20- May 20

How lucky can you be, Taurus? You manage to dodge the bullet at the office again, but next time you might not be so fortunate. Resolve the situation now.



**LEO**

July 23- August 22

A party turns into a catastrophe. Don't let it get to you. You tried to make the occasion grand and your friend appreciates your efforts. An e-mail floors you.



**SCORPIO**

October 23- November 21

Travel is on the agenda this week. Choose your destination with care and avoid all of the hype. You need rest, not frenzy.



**PISCES**

February 19- March 20

Congratulations, Pisces. You're nearing completion on a big project at work. Don't be lulled into a sense of security. Several details still need to be taken care of.



**GEMINI**

May 21- June 21

Office politics are at an all-time high. Don't get involved. Stand by your principles and continue to work hard. You won't regret it.



**VRGO**

August 23- September 22

A friend puts you on the spot. Don't give them the wrong impression. Be honest, open and frank. News from home puts you in a good mood!



**SAGITTARIUS**

November 22- December 21

You're assigned an arduous task. Step up to the plate, work hard and you'll supersede everyone's expectations. A home improvement project deserves some attention.



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## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**4552 ORBIT DRIVE**, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, full finished basement, large yard, quiet dead end street, \$117,500. Home: 348-8902 Cell: 390-0696 (-13-20-27-3/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**PERFECT STARTER HOME** in city. Move right into this 3 BR, 2 BA home with a fenced-in back yard. Large bath off the master bedroom. Natural gas. \$67,500 #232501 (-20/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NEWER HOME ON AUSABLE** river. Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 203' of frontage on the Upper Ausable River. Very private, lots of wildlife. Large deck to enjoy the secluded setting. \$134,900 #226011 (-20/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**SALT BOX HOME** on Beautiful property. Very private, stunning property with large mature pines. Salt box home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a large covered porch. Includes RV storage and is close to the Ausable River. \$147,500 #232434 (-20/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**HISTORICAL LANDMARK** in city. History speaks for itself with this partially remodeled hotel/inn. 7 guest rooms have been tastefully remodeled & decorated and are ready for use, 7 more need to be remodeled. The restaurant and 3 lounges are ready for business; there is potential to be seen around every corner. Liquor license is available separately. \$399,000 #235103 (-20/1)

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**LOG HOME** with lake view. Location with a lake view only 70 steps from Lake Margrethe. Beautiful 2 BR, 3/4 and 1 1/2 bath log home, large 28'x36' garage with possible living quarters above. 1 bedroom on ground level, loft on upper level, large enough for 4 queen beds. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. \$195,000 #232715 (-20/1)

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**ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS** Ride from the door of this 3 BR, 2 bath home with attached 2 car garage, to the trail. The 12x12 mud room is great for all the boots and clothing. Nicely situated on 1.43 acres lot. \$89,000 #235977 (989) 348-6481

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**3.3 ACRES/NEAR WAKELEY LAKE/CLOSE TO STATE LAND** This 1,194 sq. ft. 2BR, 1BA home features knotty pine accent interior, wood stove with brick hearth, covered porch, two sheds and beautifully wooded yard. Great recreational location, near lakes, the famous Ausable River, and snowmobile trails. Offers immediate occupancy. CH-2057 \$69,900

**5 ACRES OF HARDWOODS ACROSS FROM STATE LAND** Secluded setting yet blacktop road and not far from Higgins Lake. Beautiful octagon design, 1,054 sq. ft., 2BR home with walk-out basement features Anderson windows throughout including two picture windows, Jennie range top in kitchen island, 2-car garage detached garage and appliances. CH-2015 \$99,500

**THIS GORGEOUS 2,800 S.F. HALF LOG HOME JUST COMPLETED ON 10 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND** 3BR/2BA custom knotty pine interior. Great-room features Fieldstone Fireplace and Trapezoid windows. 10x40 screened porch overlooking natural hillside setting. 3-car finished garage, 30x40 pole barn. Other features: What a Master BR Suite! 18x30, plus 2 dormers, a gas fireplace, and door-wall onto deck. A must see! CH-1926 \$269,000

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**40 acres of awesome property!** State land on all 4 sides with ALL YEAR round access. Cabin has electricity, propane heat, outside hand pump and a path to the bath. Owner's portion of royalties to oil well are included in sale. #5418 150,000

**Dangle your toes from the dock during summer or ride, ride, ride, your sled all winter from this spectacular chalet with a stunning Ausable River view. Knockout interior includes hardwood floors, loft bedroom suite, wired sound, all appliances & more. #5420 \$149,500**

**There is a great up-north feel to this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home near Lake Margrethe.** Knotty pine interior, all appliances, and a 2 car garage with storage at \$129,900.00. #5424

**Decided easement to the Manistee River!** This home is located in a nice neighborhood offering an access site to drop your canoe, fly fish or swim. Featuring full basement, large enclosed deck & 2 car garage. MOTIVATED SELLER! #5411 \$77,500

**Only \$68,500 for this 3 bedroom home located on a large corner lot.** Featuring: fenced yard, 1 & 1/2 baths, natural gas, close to town, bike trails, Lake Margrethe & Hanson Hills Ski Park. #5419

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**2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH**, in town home, recently remodeled. Detached garage, land contract terms, \$2,500.00 down, \$395.00 per month, 8.75% int., \$46,900.00. Call Northern Michigan Land Brokers, 231-922-7170. (-20-27/1)

**GRAYLING 2.3 ACRES** wooded near AuSable River mainstream and state land. \$13,900 by owner. 348-7355 (-1/13/05TF/1)

**ROSCOMMON LAND CONTRACT**, 1,400 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. \$65,000, \$10,000 down, \$482.66 payments. 517-543-3057 (-13-20-27-3-10/1)

**NEW HOME**, 2 1/2 acres, near river, on Burton's Landing Rd. 989-348-4840. (-20-27-3-10/1)

**NEWLY BUILT** 960 sq. ft. home with garage. \$85,000.00. 989-348-4840 (-20-27-3-10/1)

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**FOR RENT** efficiency apartments. Includes all utilities, cable, and trash. No pets. 989-348-6649. (-6-13-20-27/2)

**2 BEDROOM MOBILE** home for rent on AuSable River mainstream. 4 1/2 miles north of Luzerne. Borders snowmobile, horseback trail, and state land. 989-826-3126. \$450/month. (-13-20-27/2)

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**THREE BEDROOM MOBILE** 1 1/2 bath, private land off M-72 by Burton's Landing. \$350 month, plus utilities. (989) 348-6674 or (877) 365-2007. (-6-13-20/2)

**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH**, attached garage, fireplace, Manistee River access, lease, deposit, references, \$800 per month. Call Joe 348-2288. (-13-20-27/2)

**BEDROOM FOR RENT.** Enjoy peace and quiet in this AuSable River home surrounded by woods and wildlife. One mile from Grayling. \$325 a month. All utilities are free. Including phone, electricity, cable TV, and more. 348-2083 (-20-27/2)

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**4 BEDROOM, 2 bath**, 304 Elm St., Grayling. 348-5291 (-20/2)

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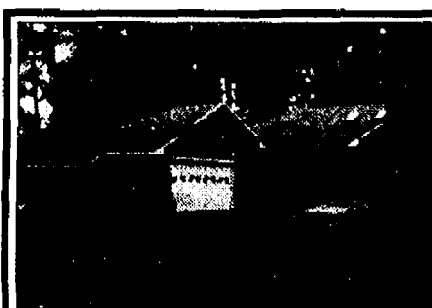


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## DIRECTOR

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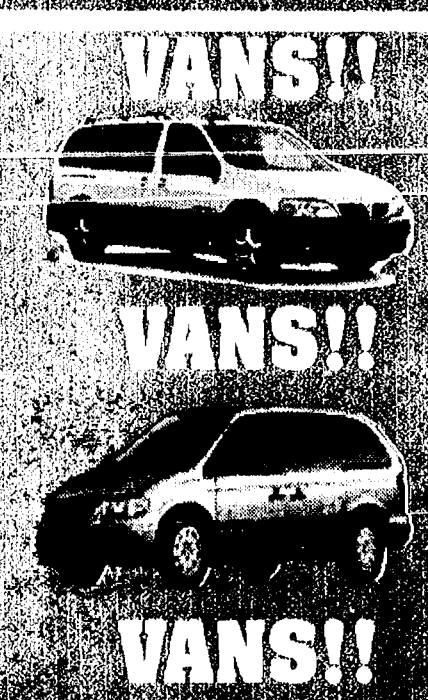
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